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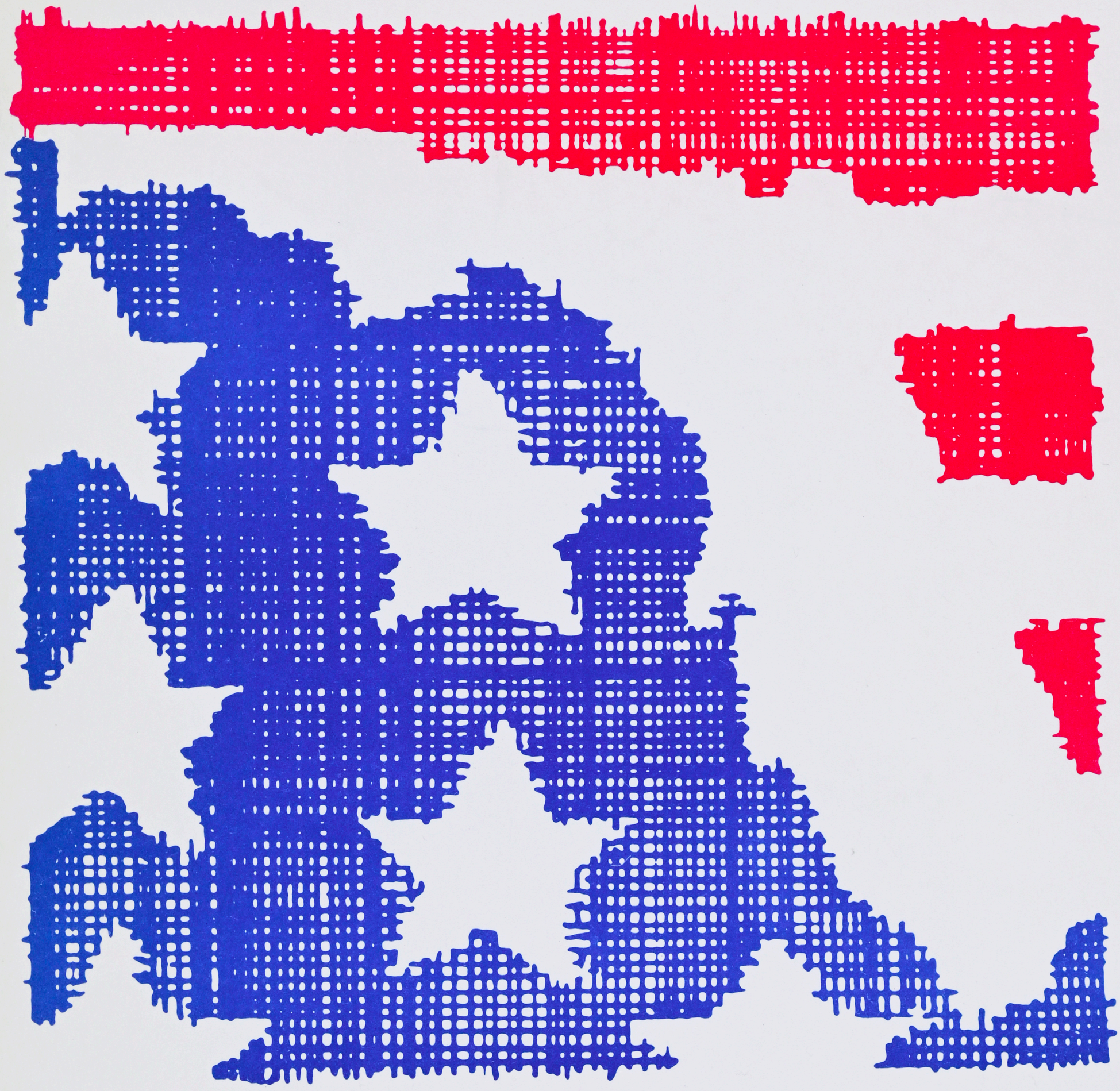

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BICENTENNIAL THEMES & DATES

1987: "Framing the Constitution"

Constitutional Convention
May 25-September 17, 1987

Constitution Day (signing the Constitution)
September 17,1987

Delaware Ratification (first state to ratify)
December 7, 1987

1988: "Ratifying the Constitution: The People Consent"

New Hampshire Ratification (critical 9th state)
June 21, 1988

1989: "Establishing a Government under the Constitution"

Election of George Washington as first President
February 4, 1989

Inauguration of President Washington
April 30, 1989

Establishment of U.S. Supreme Court
September 24, 1989

Anniversary of framing and adoption of Bill of Rights by the first Congress
September 25, 1989

New Jersey ratifies Bill of Rights (first state)
November 20, 1989

1991: "Amending the Constitution"

Ratification by Virginia (the 9th state) of the Bill of Rights making it part of the Constitution
December 15, 1991

December, 1988

Honorable Bob Martinez
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Martinez:

Throughout the past two years the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida has coordinated a variety of programs and educational activities to celebrate the Bicentennial in Florida. With the active participation of the commission appointed by you and your predecessor, Governor Bob Graham, together with the excellent support provided by the commission staff, particularly Executive Director Carol Bellamy, we have attempted to provide a "history and civics lesson" for the people of our state.

The Commission is most proud of the grass roots effort in Florida. Nearly one hundred local Bicentennial Commissions were established in this state. They organized programs, pageants, parades, balls, seminars, lectures, contests, and much more involving thousands of Floridians, young and old alike, in both celebration and education.

The Commission also takes great pride in our work with the schools and the establishment in 1988 of a $150,000 endowed Constitutional Studies scholarship available to all Florida social studies teachers. This will provide a lasting legacy of the Bicentennial in Florida. The leadership of Chairmen Bob Blanchard and Beverly Austin, together with your personal support for this scholarship project, enabled it to succeed beyond our expectations.

In part, this report attempts to capture the spirit of our celebration and present as comprehensive a picture as possible of the number, depth, and diversity of activities that have occurred in the past two years. "We the people" have demonstrated that pride in our democracy is alive and well in Florida.

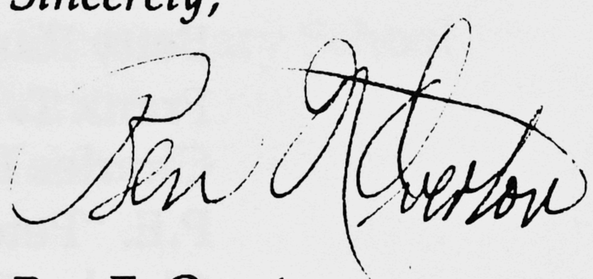
As set forth in your Executive Order #87-18, the Bicentennial is supposed to continue until 1991 with many opportunities for Floridians to celebrate the great themes embodied in the Bill of Rights, as well as the amendments that followed which made our democracy inclusive of all its citizens, including racial minorities and women.

Although we are pleased to report to you about our past accomplishments, we find it most important also to present to you our recommendations for future Bicentennial Commission activities and the operating structure for the remaining tenure of the Commission.

In my personal view and the view of the Commission, there is still considerable work to do. We believe it important to start now to develop and promote programs that will encourage the public to learn about and better understand the Bill of Rights as well as to do everything possible to establish in the minds of the public that September 17th is Constitution Day every year.

On behalf of the Commission, we appreciate your attention to and review of this report and our recommendations for the future activities of the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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"WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME"

Our constitution is the oldest written constitution in the world! It has been around 200 years so it must work good! The Constitution tells what the government can and cannot do. And it tells about the jobs of the President and the govenment. The Constitution protects our freedom and our religion and our speech. It means a lot to us. Our country is a great place. It is the best place in the whole wide world. Other places like East Berlin need walls to keep the people out. Not here. Other places you can't go to church. Not here. Other places you are not free. Not here. Can these bad things happen in the U.S.A.? NOT HERE. Our Constitution will take care of us.

Written by
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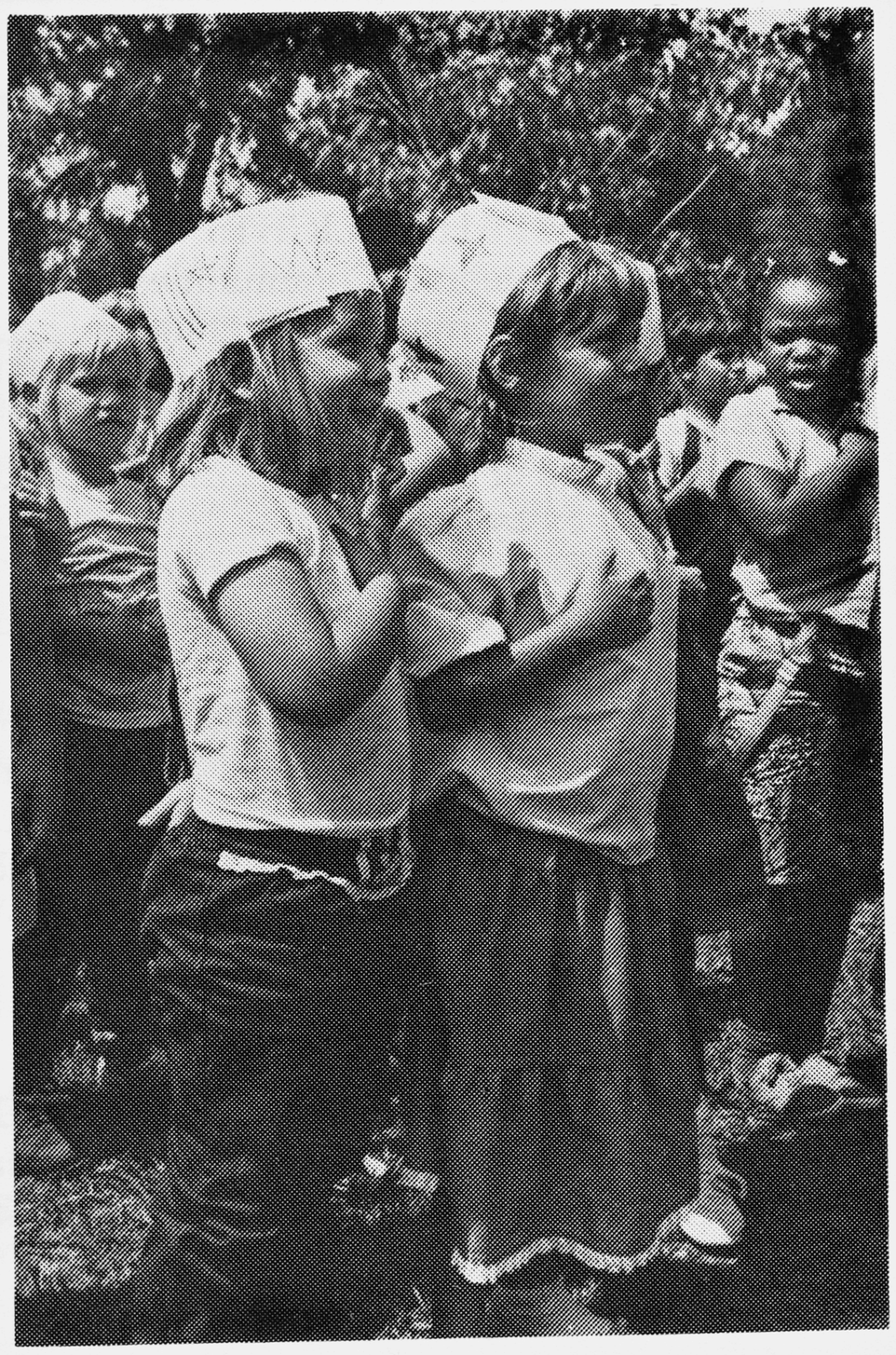

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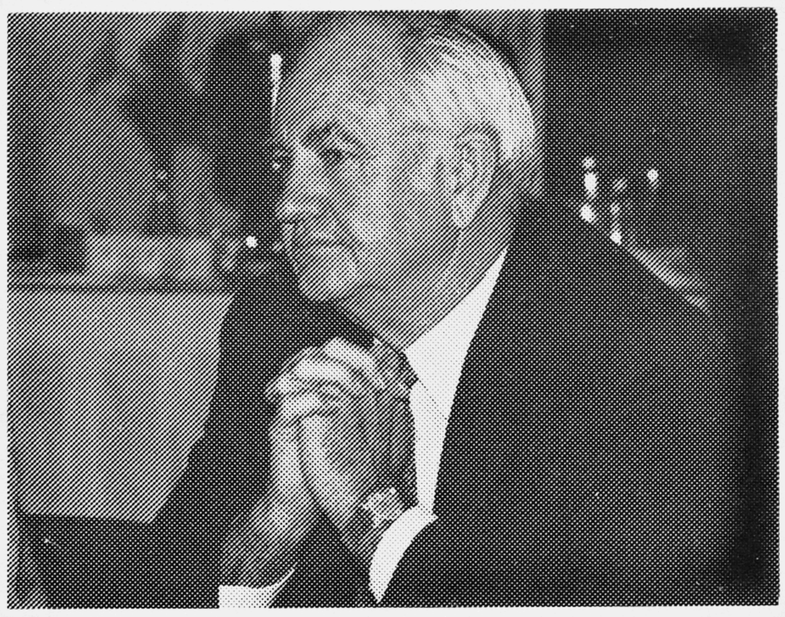
FLORIDA HIGHLIGHTS
1986-1988

BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION OF FLORIDA

The United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida was created by Governor Bob Graham in 1986 and reaffirmed by Governor Bob Martinez in 1987. Established for the Bicentennial period of 1987-1991, the purpose of the Commission is "to prepare an overall program for commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in 1987, and to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the United States Constitution."

Recognizing education as the most effective tool for building a strong foundation of citizenship, the 42 member volunteer Bicentennial Commission geared its program to both young and old alike. Through its Designated Bicentennial Communities, the Commission established smaller, local committees to gauge the needs of the local citizens.



Justice Ben F. Overton, Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission of Florida, presided at Commission meetings and has given inspired leadership throughout the Bicentennial.

The Commission held quarterly meetings in various locations of the state as follows:

October 1, 1986	Orlando
December 12, 1986	Tallahassee
April 24, 1987	Tallahassee
June 10, 1987	Orlando
August 19, 1987	Tallahassee
October 15, 1987	Miami
January 20, 1988	Tampa
March 15, 1988	Tampa
June 15, 1988	Orlando
October 28, 1988	Jacksonville

The Commission established a nonprofit corporation qualified as a (501)(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation handles all funds of the Commission and administered all activities of the Commission.

The work of the Commission has been funded by private donations and grants, as well as a single legislative appropriation of $70,000.00 for 1987-88. The Commission office, provided by the Florida Department of Education, is located in Tallahassee.

Commissioners gave generously of their time and resources, including the following outstanding contributions to enable the Bicentennial office to operate:

Department of Education - Office space, furniture, and supplies; telephone and mail; newsletter design;

The Florida Bar - Printing services for all newsletters and stationery; furniture;

IBM - Two personal computers and software;

PRIDE [Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc.] - Furniture;

Walt Disney World - Design of Florida Bicentennial logo;

Barnett Charities, Sun Banks, Florida Progress Corporation, Walt Disney World, St. Joe Foundation, The Florida Bar Foundation - Grants or donations of $5000 or more.

SPECIAL CONSTITITION PROJECT

In the summer of 1987 the Bicentennial Commission of Florida announced the availability of 150 sets of a limited edition facsimile of the Constitution and Bill of Rights to Floridians.

The Constitutions are given to persons donating $250 or more to the Bicentennial in Florida. The funds have been used to support the commemorative programs and activities of the Bicentennial Commission.

Each set of documents consists of five pages unframed, 25" x 30" in size. The facsimiles were created by a unique photographic process allowed for the first time by the National Archives and Records Administration which received the original parchments in 1938.

These Constitutions facsimiles have been framed or mounted for office displays. Many donors have chosen to make them available—either temporarily or permanently—for public viewing in locations such as a city hall; county, state, or federal courthouse; public library; high school; or other public building.

In addition to the Constitution, donors also receive an appreciation plaque from the Bicentennial Commission of Florida.

A limited number of the Constitutions are still available and can be obtained by contacting Bicentennial Commission of Florida, Inc., Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399.

A RATIFICATION CELEBRATION

One of the largest projects of the Florida Bicentennial Commission—and one of the most successful—was A Ratification Celebration held in Tampa on May 14, 1988. The gala dinner-dance was underwritten by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., as part of a national effort to commemorate the Bicentennial Ratification theme in every state.

Governor and Mrs. Bob Martinez paused for a moment during A Ratification Celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Austin (left) and Bob Blanchard (right), event Chairmen. (Tampa Tribune photo by Cliff McBride)

Patriotic from start to finish, red, white, and blue was everywhere: from the unique table settings and formal entrance of the military color guard to the ballgowns on the dance floor. The evening was highlighted by a bright musical production titled "Visions of America" whose performers received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Governor and Mrs. Bob Martinez and Commissioner of Education Betty Castor hosted the black-tie event attended by over 700 Floridians. Historic toasts were raised by the Governor and Commissioner who were joined by Florida Supreme Court Justice Ben Overton, Florida House Speaker Pro Tem Jim Burke, and Merrill Lynch representative William Jahnes.

Proceeds from the gala approached $88,000 which will establish a Scholarship in Constitutional Studies at the University of South Florida for Florida Social Studies teachers at all grade levels to enrich their understanding of the U.S. Constitution. The Commission's goal is to raise $100,00 in order to become a Major Gift and qualify for $50,000 state matching funds.

Beverly Austin of Tampa headed the Celebration Committee and Bob Blanchard, also of Tampa, chaired the Founders Committee. Their committees worked extremely hard in producing a fantastic celebration.

Founding Committee

Mr. H.L. Culbreath, Jr.	Mr. Andrew H. Hines, Jr.
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Mrs. Bruce Samson	Mrs. Francis Williams

FLORIDA DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

Florida was well represented in Philadelphia on July 18, 1987, the site of national Bicentennial focus, for "Florida Day." On behalf of Governor Bob Martinez, Roy Wilson, a member of the Bicentennial Commission of Florida from Lee County, presented our state flag to Philadelphia officials to join with all the other states providing a unified symbolic presence throughout the Bicentennial.

After receiving a Proclamation from Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode, Mr. Wilson delivered the Governor's statement in which he declared that "[t]he people of Florida join with their neighbors from across the country" to celebrate the "document [which] has stood the test of time and still binds our nation together in the spirit of freedom."

Presenting the flag at the mall outside Independence Hall along with Roy Wilson was Tonie Vogt from Brevard County whose husband John Vogt, President of the Florida Senate, also serves on the Commission.

Also representing Florida were 190 members of the Coral Springs High School Band and Chorus who performed a spirited program of patriotic selections.

FLORIDA STONE IN PHILADELPHIA

In commemoration of the Bicentennial, We the People, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Philadelphia, began planning and coordinating the construction of Constitution Wall. The monument, which will sit on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, is bordered by the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. It will consist of fifty 2'x2'x4' native stones from each of the states as well as large bronze replicas of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Each state stone will be engraved with the state's name and the date it entered the union.

Florida's stone, which is formally known as the Key Largo Limestone, was donated by Florida Rock Industries of Jacksonville, Florida, and shipped to Philadelphia by the Department of State, Division of Natural Resources. This

particular specimen came from the north end of Key Largo, Monroe County. The exhibit is due to be completed by September of 1990 in time for the Bill of Rights Bicentennial Celebration.

MAGNA CARTA TOUR

During May 1987 the state of Florida was priviledged to be one of the host states for "Roads to Liberty: Magna Carta to the Constitution Tour." The documents in this exhibit proclaim the sources of our most fundamental freedoms from a rare early version of the Magna Carta to the last draft of the Constitution showing the final revisions.

This tour was sponsored by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the United States Constitution Council of the Thirteen Original States, in cooperation with Dean and Chapter of the Lincoln Cathedral, Lincolnshire, England. American Express was the primary corporate sponsor. In Florida the Tour traveled to Tallahassee, Orlando, Gainesville, and Jacksonville. For being a host state, the Florida Bicentennial Commission received a donation of $5,000.00 from the U.S. Constitution Council. The monies were distributed in the form of $1,000.00 grants to the four communities who agreed to host the "Roads to Liberty Tour."

FLORIDA SONGS

Upon the suggestion of Justice Ben F. Overton to Dean Robert Glidden that the Florida State University School of Music should do something special to commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, Charles Robinson, an FSU masters student created two vocal pieces.

The first piece, a single line melody entitled "We the People," is for use in elementary schools. This upbeat song traces the development of the Constitution, describes how the three branches of government were formed, and ends with an inspiring admonition to maintain freedom today. The second piece entitled "A More Perfect Union," has been written for use in the middle and high schools. Robinson's lyrics incorporate excerpts drawn from the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and John Kennedy's Inaugural Address.

Mr. Robinson, assisted by talented voices from the Florida State University Choral group on cassette tape, presented both songs to the Bicentennial Commission at their August 1987 meeting. These vocal arrangements were then distributed free of charge to schools and interested persons by music specialist June Hinckley, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

SUPREME COURT "TEACH-IN"

Florida Supreme Court Justices shared in a national classroom "teach-in" during Constitution Week, September 13- 19, 1987. The Justices visited classrooms throughout the state and spoke with students as part of a nationwide "Celebration of Citizenship."

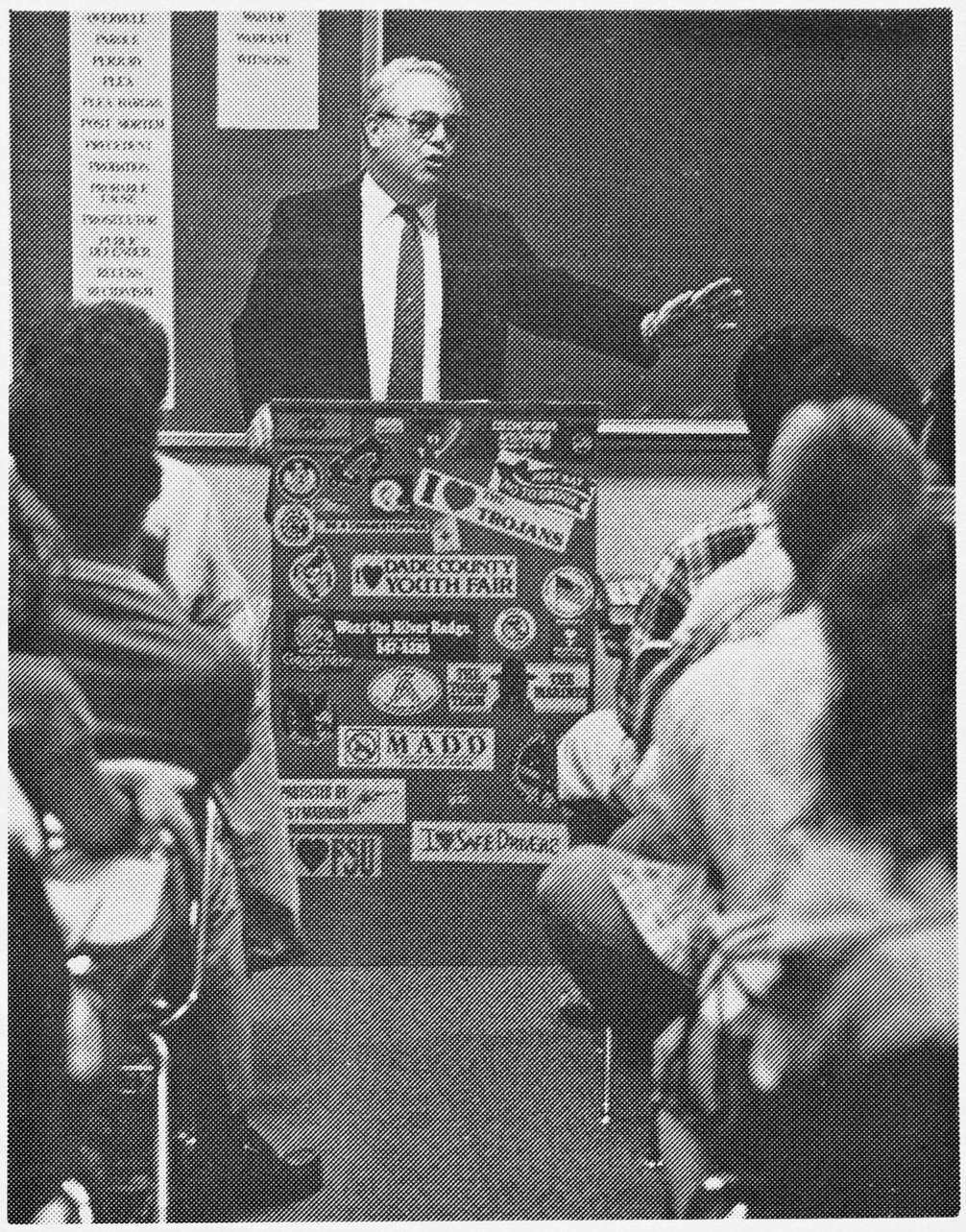
Justice Ben F. Overton taught classes at Washington Senior High School and Ferry Pass Middle Schools in Escambia County.

Justices Rosemary Barkett and Leander J. Shaw, Jr. visited several Tallahassee schools. Justice Barkett visited Trinity Catholic School, where she taught students about free speech and equality, while Justice Shaw visited Lincoln High School and dealt with topics ranging from legal ethics to the death penalty.

Justice Raymond Ehrlich visited his alma mater, Crescent City High School, in Putnam County and later spoke on the lawn of the Courthouse in Palatka. Justice Ehrlich felt that the teaching experience "added to [the students'] awareness and appreciation of what the Bicentennial celebration was all about."

Justice Stephen Grimes visited three high schools in the Tampa area. Each of the visits lasted approximately 40 minutes and Justice Grimes found the teach-in to be a "good experience."

Justice Gerald Kogan visited Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School and Miami Sunset Senior High where he taught 10th, 11th, and 12th grade legal education classes. Justice Kogan commented, "I was very gratified to see the interest [the students] expressed."



Justice Gerald Kogan addressed a class at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School. (photo by Albert Coya, Miami Herald)

NATURALIZATION

Throughout Florida and the nation federal judges were encouraged to hold naturalization ceremonies during Constitution Week 1987. In most cases these ceremonies became the focal point for a large public celebration of Citizenship and the Constitution. The following naturalization ceremonies were held in September, 1987:

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JACKSONVILLE, Judge Howell W. Melton presiding; 500 new citizens; over 1500 in attendance, including 500 school children; Guest speaker Dean Frank Read, University of Florida Law School.

MIAMI, Judge Peter Palermo presiding; over 1000 new citizens.

ORLANDO, Judge Clarence Johnson presiding.

PENSACOLA, 200 new citizens, 1800 in attendance, including 500 school children; Guest speaker Navy Base Commander.

ST. PETERSBURG.

TALLAHASSEE, Judge William Stafford presiding; Guest speaker Justice Rosemary Barkett, Florida Supreme Court.

TAMPA.

EXHIBITS

FLORIDA BAR SPONSORED "BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY" POSTER EXHIBITS

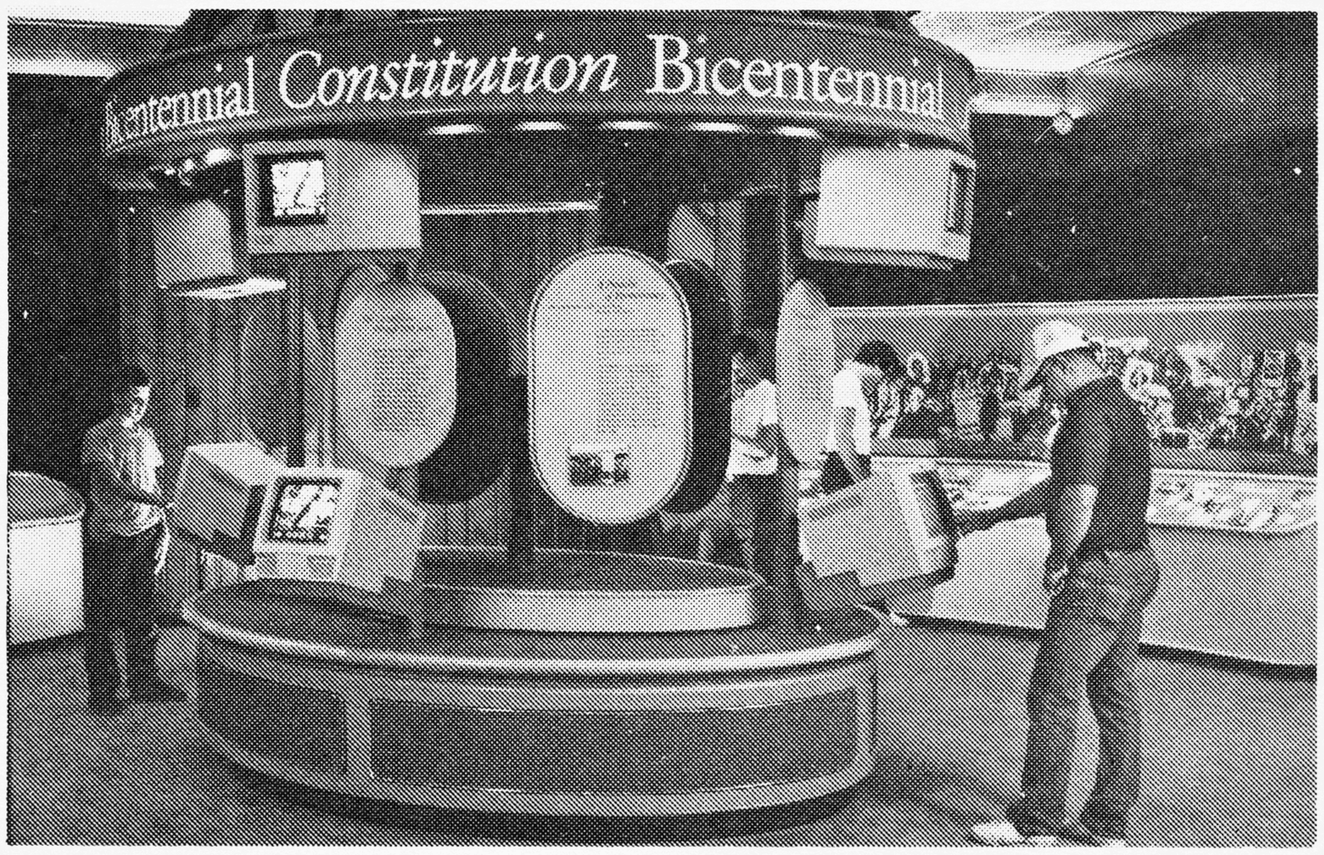
In honor of Law Day, May 1, 1987, The Florida Bar donated the handsome and informative poster display titled "The Blessings of Liberty" to county courthouses in each of the 67 Florida counties. Presented locally by the County Bar Association, the colorful posters teach the history of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The four-sided displays stand over five feet tall and can be easily moved to various locations throughout the community to reach the greatest number of citizens.

IBM BRINGS "A PROMISE OF PERMANANCY" TO JACKSONVILLE

On Saturday, October 22, 1988, the IBM exhibit, "A Promise of Permanency: The U.S. Constitution Through 200 Years" was unveiled at the grand opening of the new wing of the Museum of Science and History in Jacksonville. The exhibit will run through March, 1989.

Through the magic of touch-screen prompting, visitors are able to use computors to learn about a broad range of issues and events. The first program, entitled "The Constitution in Our Lives," deals with U.S. Supreme Court decisions involving 85 topics, from cigarette warnings to the death penalty. The second program, "The Constitution Through 200 Years", offers a moving time line of images from 1787 to 1987.

The exhibit was endorsed by the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida as well as the Duval County School System. Thousands of Duval schoolchildren will visit the museum and constitutional exhibit during its stay in Jacksonville.



Citizens interact with the IBM Bicentennial computer exhibit during its stay in Jacksonville.

VIDEO PROJECTS

"PROJECT UNDERSTANDING"

In 1986 The Florida Bar and The Florida Bar Foundation provided significant funds for a major videotape project which brought together national and state leaders to discuss the U.S. Constitution and its impact on contemporary society. "Project Understanding" was produced by Fred Friendly and the Columbia University Seminars on Media and Society.

The project consists of two tapes, one addressing The First Amendment in the Classroom and the other addressing the Criminal Justice System and the Rights of the Accused. Some of those appearing in the discussion are Geraldo Rivera, television reporter; Justice Ray Ehrlich, Florida Supreme Court; Sandy D'Alemberte, Dean, Florida State University College of Law; and others.

The two programs were originally broadcast over Florida's Public Broadcasting network during September, 1987. Since then, the Florida Law Related Education Association has been working with the FSU Law School and The Florida Bar

to produce 15-minute video segments for classroom use, written materials for the classroom, and teacher training modules for elementary and middle school teachers. Over 35 school districts have already requested the materials.

For further information contact: Annette Boyd Pitts, Florida Law Related Education Association, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399, or (904)681- 6150.

"AN AMERICAN SALUTE"

In September, 1987, the Florida League of Cities produced four Public Service Announcements in commemoration of the Bicentennial and distributed them to all Florida television stations. Featured in the PSA's were Governor Bob Martinez, past President of the FLC, and Glenda Hood, then President of the FLC and Vice Chair of the Florida Bicentennial Commission. The videos treated the topics of "Cities," "Ages," "Money," and "Quotes."

PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

The United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida in cooperation with The Florida Bar and the Florida Department of Education published a quarterly newsletter titled "CREATE." CREATE is an acronym built on the themes of the Bicentennial: **C**reating the Constitution (1987), **R**atifying the Constitution (1988), **E**stablishing the national government (1989), **A**mending the Constitution with the Bill of Rights (1989-1991) and **T**oday **E**ducating all citizens (1987-1991) with a nationwide "history and civics lesson" in the words of national Chairman Warren Burger.

The purpose of CREATE has been to promote Bicentennial activities throughout the state, to recognize those that have been held, and to inform citizens about how to become involved in the Bicentennial.

CREATE has been distributed statewide to Florida officials in the Legislature, Cabinet, Congress and courts; Bicentennial Community and Campus Commissions; school district Bicentennial contacts; committees of The Florida Bar; statewide civic organizations with a Bicentennial interest; and others. In addition, the newsletter is sent to all other state Bicentennial Commissions and the national Commission office.

NEWSPAPERS

The *Dade Bar Bulletin* published "A Constitutional Bicentennial Conversation with Justice Ben F. Overton" in May, 1988, prepared by Miami attorney John Copelan.

The Florida Times-Union cosponsored a constitutional workshop for 70 Duval social studies teachers in the fall of 1987.

The Okaloosa News-Journal-Bayou Times, Published "The U.S. Constitution Bicentennial" on September 16, 1987.

The Orlando Sentinal published a 16-page tabloid entitled "Celebrating our Constitution." This colorful and informative publication was distributed to schools in the Orlando/Orange County region.

The Orlando Sentinel also produced a five-part series on major Constitutional themes titled "The next century: Our evolving Constitution" which was published monthly from May- September 1987. Written by Craig Crawford, the series was then reprinted in pamphlet form for further distribution.

The Palm Beach Post in cooperation with the Palm Beach County Bar Association and School Board produced two 8-page tabloids, one issued in May, 1987, "Let Freedom Ring" focusing on the Constitutional Convention, and the other "The Making of a State" celebrating Statehood for distribution to students during the March, 1988, Florida Ratification month in the Bicentennial.

The Post also cosponsored a one-day constitutional workshop in 1987 for social studies teachers, featuring an address by Florida Supreme Court Justice Rosemary Barkett.

The Port St. Lucie Mirror featured a regular column by local Bicentennial Chairman Mary Jo Bates.

The St. Petersburg Times published several articles by former Florida Governor LeRoy Collins, one of which focused on the critical leadership of George Washington at the Constitutional Convention.

The Tallahassee Democrat, in cooperation with many private sponsors and the Bicentennial Commission of Tallahassee/Leon County, published two supplements, one to celebrate the "U.S. Constitution: 200 Years 1787 -1987" issued on September 10, 1987, and the other entitled "We the People" included in its September 13, 1987, edition.

In addition to these special contributions, many newspapers of the state carried daily columns during May-September 1987 which described the events at the Constitutional Convention 200 years earlier written in a journal fashion as if they were unfolding day by day.

PAMPHLETS

Florida Power and Light published a short pamphlet entitled "About the Constitution of the United States of America." This 23 page publication begins with a short history of the Constitution and then offers a copy of the entire document. The authors have combined cartoon drawings with interesting and sometimes humorous commentary in order to make this an educational yet fun experience for young and old alike.

PRIDE [Prison Rehabilitative Industries & Diversified Enterprises, Inc.] printed 10,000 pocket Constitutions for free distribution to the people of Florida through the Bicentennial office. The pamphlet contains not only the full Constitution and all amendments, but also historic dates to remember pertaining to the creation and ratification of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, a convenient index to the sections of the Constitution, and a foreward by Warren Burger, Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of The United States Constitution and former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Small quantities are available

at no charge by writing: Bicentennial Commission of Florida, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399.

JOURNAL

The Florida Bar Journal published a series of articles sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission of Florida to commemorate the ratification of the Constitution throughout 1988. The following articles appeared:

March: "The Concept of the Constitution" by Robert T. Mann, retired professor of law, University of Florida College of Law; former legislator,judge, and Public Service Commission member.

April: "A Constitutional Conversation with Justice Ben F. Overton" by John Copelan, Deputy City Attorney, City of Miami.

May: "The Constitution Bicentennial: Celebrating the Rising Sun" by William Reece Smith, Jr., Chairman of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A.; past president of The Florida Bar and the American Bar Association.

July/August: "Ultimate Concord, the Convention, and Us" (a presentation to the Florida Conference of District Courts of Appeal Judges) by Judge Thomas M. Reavley, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

October: "17th Century English Constitutional Law: Building Blocks of the American Constitution" by Thomas W. Logue, Assistant County Attorney for Dade County.

November: "A Living Constitution" (taken from a presentation at the Conference of Chief Justices of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Boscobel, St. Mary, Jamaica) by Judge Joseph W. Hatchett, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, former Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

WORKSHOPS

VOLUNTARY BAR LEADERS' CONFERENCE

In February, 1987, Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida, lead a workshop entitled "Celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution." Bellamy gave an overview of the projects throughout the state where the participation of the legal field was crucial and urged that each representative participate in some way. Bellamy also explained the various phases and themes of the Bicentennial Celebration in Florida through 1991.

BICENTENNIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Five free public workshops to plan local activities for the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution in Florida were sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission of Florida. The workshops were designed to bring together people from various groups who are interested in commemorating the Bicentennial in Florida with educational activities.

The workshops were led by the Commission's Executive Director, Carol Bellamy. Projects from national and Florida sources were presented, and participants were asked for their ideas about how Florida should commemorate the historic events surrounding the establishment of our national government 200 years ago. Commission Vice Chair Glenda Hood welcomed participants at several of the workshops.

Workshops were held on community college campuses in the following locations:

May 27, 1987 - Tallahassee
June 3, 1987 - Gainesville
June 19, 1987 - Tampa
June 25, 1987 - Cocoa
June 29, 1987 - Panama City
July 1, 1987 - Ft. Lauderdale

Co-Sponsors of the project were the Florida Department of Education, Florida Law Related Education Association, The Florida Bar, Newspapers in Education/ Doe, Florida League of Cities, and Division of Community Colleges/DOE.

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

Carol Bellamy moderated a panel discussion on how to "Become A Bicentennial Community" sponsored by the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida at the annual convention of the Florida League of Cities in Miami in October, 1987.

Panelists were: Al Swihart, Niceville City Commissioner; Ruth Waters, Assistant to the Mayor of Jacksonville; Catherine Royce, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Bar Association; and Larry Kelly, Social Studies Chairman at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School. They shared highlights of their successful Bicentennial activities in schools and communities.

Outgoing League President Glenda Hood, Vice Chair of the Florida Bicentennial Commission, presided over a Convention with a Bicentennial theme. Commission Chairman Justice Ben Overton gave the luncheon address and challenged city officials to continue their involvment in the Bicentennial.

National Bicentennial Commission Chairman Warren Burger greeted Florida Commission Vice Chair Glenda Hood (left) and Executive Director Carol Bellamy (right) at a Bicentennial conference in Washington, D.C., in February, 1988.

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

Bicentennial Commission Administrative Assistant Louis Zelenka conducted a workshop for Social Studies teachers at their annual convention held in Cocoa Beach in October, 1987. He presented a wide array of continuing Bicentennial projects, activities, materials, and resources designed for the classroom.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Florida was represented by Commission Director Carol Bellamy at the following National or Regional Bicentennial Meetings:

February, 1987, Charleston SC, sponsored by the national Bicentennial Commission; 19 other Floridians attended.

December, 1987, Washington, DC, Bicentennial Leadership Project sponsored by Center for Civic Education/Coucil for Advancement of Citizenship.

February, 1988, Washington, D.C., sponsored by the national Bicentennial Commission; Vice Chair Glenda Hood and several other Floridians also attended.

September, 1988, Atlanta GA, sponsored by the national Bicentennial Commission; Chairman Ben Overton addressed the opening session of the meeting.

November, 1988, Orlando, sponsored by Center for Civic Education and Council for the Advancement of Citizenship.

CONFERENCES

"GOVERNMENT, THE ECONOMY, AND THE CONSTITUTION"

The Policy Sciences Program at Florida State University sponsored the third annual Critical Issues Symposium titled "Government, The Economy, and The Constitution" in March, 1987, at the Florida State Conference Center in Tallahassee. Speakers of national reknown raised provocative issues of past interpretation and future application. Professor James Gwartney coordinated the symposium.

"THE SOUTH AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL TRADITION"

A major conference was held at the University of Florida College of Law in March, 1987, titled "The South and the American Constitutional Tradition." Professor Kermit Hall coordinated the conference.

"WOMEN AND CITIZENSHIP: A BICENTENNIAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN"

Addressing past, present, and future struggles of women to achieve full participation under the United States (and Florida) Constitution, over 140 participants gathered from around the state to attend "Women and Citizenship'" a conference held in Tallahassee on March 28, 1988.

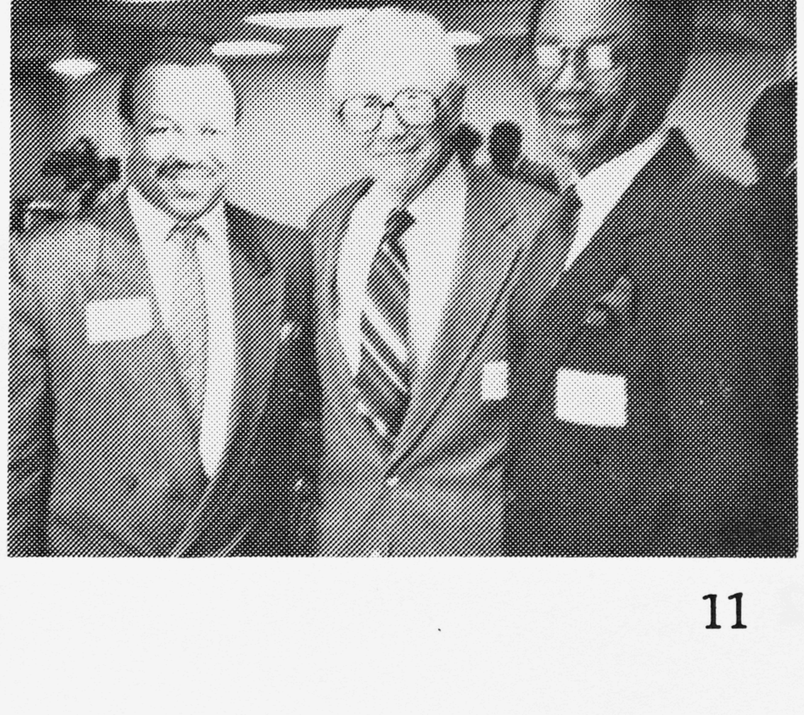
The conference was sponsored by Zonta Club of Tallahassee and endorsed by the state Bicentennial Commission. Conference Moderator was Barbara Palmer, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations, Florida State University. Speakers included Dr. Mary Frances Berry, member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Jim Angle, National Public Radio; Florida legislators Helen Gordon Davis, Fred Lippman, and Mary Grizzle; members of the Florida Supreme Court Gender Bias Study Commission; and others.

Taped excerpts were played from speeches given at a recent national conference, "Women and the Constitution," conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. This informative conference was hailed as a trememdous success.

"BLACKS AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION"

During the summer of 1988, Florida A & M University received a grant from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities to sponsor a conference on the subject, "Blacks and the Constitution of the United States." The conference was held October 20 and 21, 1988, at the Econo Lodge East (formerly Ramada Inn East) in Tallahassee. Speakers included Judge William Hatchett, U.S. Court

Former Governor LeRoy Collins was lauded for his progressive leadership by Florida House Speaker Pro Tem Jim Burke (left) and former Secretary of State Jesse McCrary (right) at the FAMU-sponsored conference in Tallahassee.



of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; Jesse McCrary, former Florida Secretary of State; James Eaton, Curator of FAMU Black Archives; and Florida House Speaker Pro Tem James Burke.

Major themes addressed at the conference were the significance of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments and the political participation of Blacks under the Constitution.

The conference was coordinated by Dr. Grace Maxwell, professor of Political Science and Public Administration, and co-sponsored by the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida.

HUMANITIES

In 1986 and 1987 Florida Endowment for the Humanities (FEH) sponsored 19 programs related to the Bicentennial with outright awards totaling $117,270.00. Programs have literally covered the state, occurring in major cities and small towns. Over 2,500 Floridians participated.

In 1988 one Bicentennial project was funded.

ALACHUA COUNTY, 1987

"Understanding the Constitution: A Program for Secondary Teachers" brought together twenty social studies teachers from Alachua County for two weeks of case study research into the origins and purposes of the Constitution. Monthly follow-up meetings were scheduled throughout the year. The program has become a national model. Forty-five similar seminars were held throughout the country last year.

GAINESVILLE, March, 1987

"The South and the American Constitutional Tradition," a conference held at theUniversity of Florida Law school featured outstanding scholarship. The independent evaluator felt that the conference defined a new academic sub-discipline. The University of Georgia Press will publish the proceedings.

KEY WEST, February, 1987

"Three Constitutional Founders - Dramatic Commentary," provided actors representing Madison, Hamilton and Jefferson on TV and "in person" who invited continuing consideration of our Constitution by portraying their contributions.

MIAMI, November, 1987

Five 3-day Jefferson Meetings were held throughout the city. Of the 500 participants, 30% were Hispanic, and 15% were black. The final meeting was held in conjunction with the Miami International Book Fair with featured speaker Christopher Collier, author of Decision in Philadelphia.

PEMBROKE PINES, September-November, 1987

"Pembroke Pines/Broward Community College U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Celebration" featured a series of four lectures or panel discussions.

PENSACOLA, September, 1987

"Bicentennial Constitution Seminar," featuring Senator Lawton Chiles,

weighed the contemporary import of major factions at the original constitutional convention. This successful conference was later aired as a one-hour documentary on local television.

ST. PETERSBURG

"Our Evolving Constitution 1787-1987," a series of twelve lecture/discussions included historians John Hope Franklin and Henry H. Adams, and diplomat Malcolm Toon, among others.

TALLAHASSEE, February, 1987

Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution brought 25-30 representatives of civic and community groups together with 30-35 social studies teachers in intensive discussions of continuing constitutional issues.

TAMPA, September, 1987

"American Indian Contributions to the Founding of The United States," a symposium featuring Native Americans of national note, was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians.

VENICE, Fall, 1987

"On the Constitution: An Inquiry into Power & Justice," a forum with national speakers, considered whether the ideals of the Constitution should be updated these 200 years later. Manatee Community College sponsored the forum.

TALLAHASSEE, October, 1988

Florida A&M University sponsored the conference "Blacks and the Constitution of the United States," to consider especially the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

1987 FLORIDA CHALLENGE CONFERENCE

The 1987 Florida Challenge Conference was the centerpiece for FEH's attention to the Constitution. The theme was "Voices of the Constitution: An Ongoing Dialogue"

There were 7 regional conferences held around the state. Each conference lasted over one and a half days. Participants were challenged to consider the "unfinished business" related to both the Florida and U.S. Constitutions, based largely on readings assembled and distributed in advance of the meetings.

"Thomas Jefferson" made an appearance at each regional meeting in a dramatic presentation by scholar/actor Clay Tomlinson. His provocative monologue gave those present a new perspective on the principles of the Constitution.

After thorough discussion participants compiled a set of recommendations and selected delegates to present them to the statewide meeting. In November 1987 those delegates met in Tallahassee at the Florida State University College of Law and worked their recommendations into a comprehensive Report that was sent to the Governor.

JEFFERSON MEETINGS

The purpose of the Jefferson Meeting is to provide a forum for informed discussion about our form of government. Participants analyze and evaluate one of

four issues related to the performance of the national government and discuss the relevance of the Constitution on current issues. Delegates receive background material on the historical and philosophical context of the Constitutional issues to be discussed at the meeting.

After a keynote address on the topic, the participants worked as teams to think through the issue and write a short position paper to present to the whole group. By the end of the meeting, participants had a renewed appreciation for the Constitution and how it influences their lives.

Jefferson meetings were held in the following communities:

- Broward County: October, 1987
- Fort Lauderdale: October, 1988
- Jacksonville: August 27 and September 17, 1988 (including a successful youth meeting)
- Miami: November, 1987
- North Miami Dade Community College: April 25, May 16, June 13
- Pinellas County: October, 1987
- Tallahassee: February 5-6, 1988

"PLANT A LIVING LEGACY"

In the spirit of our founding fathers who, in creating the Constiutuion of the United States, were inspired to leave a lasting legacy of freedom to all Americans, hundreds of Floridians have joined in creating lasting legacies of their own. "Plant a Living Legacy" is a nationally recognized program which encourages citizens to plant public memorial gardens and forests in honor of our great American heritage.

Each Legacy Project must meet four basic criteria in order to receive official recognization:

1. It is dedicated to honor the Constitution.
2. It serves a community need.
3. It is located on public land or on private land that is regularly open to the public.
4. Its sponsors must demonstrate a firm committment that the project will be given long-term maintenance.

We are proud of the following Living Legacy projects which have received official recognition in Florida.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Mayport Jr. High School. Fifty flowering crepe myrtles of white, red and deep fuchsia, were planted on March 3, 1988, to beautify the 31 acre school campus and to commemorate the ratification of the Constitution by the State of Florida on statehood day.

Jack Russell Park. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Atlantic Beach Garden Circle will plant and erect a bird sanctuary at the entry of the arbor with identification plaques in each section.

BROOKSVILLE
Frances M. Johnson Memorial Forest. Endangered or threatened species of native flora were planted and protected, thus preventing destruction of Florida native plant population.

CAPE CORAL
National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1002 and Cape Coral Community Project Fund, Inc.
Two trees were planted on the grounds of the Cape Coral Library.

Veterans Organization of Cape Coral, Florida. Cocoa Plumosa Palm trees were planted at the New Dedicated Cape Coral Veterans Memorial Park, on Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral, Florida. The park was dedicated September 19, 1987, as a project of the Bicentennial year. Each tree bears the name of each veterans organization taking part in the event.

DEERFIELD BEACH
Deerfield Beach Bicentennial Commission. Project includes the planting of a 14-18 foot live oak "Constitution Tree." A bronze plaque mounted on a granite base will indicate "Constitution Tree" dedicated by the Deerfield Beach Beautification Authority and the Constitution Bicentennial Committee, September 17, 1987.

FT. PIERCE
Master Gardeners of St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension. This Constitution Garden features a rock to symbolize the enduring quality of the Constitution surrounded by red, white and blue plantings.

JACKSONVILLE
Holiday Hill School Parent Teacher Association. Twenty four classrooms are to be landscaped at a public school. Caladium bulbs were planted in a row in front of new shrubs. The first grade children weeded and planted the caladiums. Plants were planted by teachers and their spouses.

KEY WEST
Monroe County Planning Department. Planted a scenic corridor buffer as a hardwood hammock restoration proj ect; planted a parking lot according to code, with edges providing examples of selected buffer types described in the Land Use Plan; planted a public use area to demonstrate use of native plant landscaping in a manner suit able to private homes. Project will be 100% indigenous species and is intended to provide a living reference work. The project was dedicated on July 4, 1988.

KISSIMMEE
Phoebe Cunningham Children of the American Revolution. Planted a Southern Magnolia in front of a new school to honor the Constitution as a Living Legacy.

LONGWOOD
Sable Point Garden Club. A red, white and blue mounded planting of 213 plants including red and white azaleas, plumbago, red daylillies, agapanthus,

photinia, and blue daze. An annual bed with 60 plants will be planted twice a year at the base of a plaque which reads, "We dedicate these seven trees to our astronauts who gave their lives so our country could continue to grow." A permanent marker from the state Bicentennial Commission was also placed on the site.

LORIDA
Lorida Cub Scout Pack #838 in conjunction with the Greater Lorida Community Club
A 12' x 20' plot of land was dedicated to the United States Constitution with an oak tree planted in the center. Flowers were planted surrounding the tree and railroad ties provided a fitting border around the area.

MIAMI
Horticulture Study Society of Florida, Inc. A Yellow Silk Tree was planted in the lake area of Oak Grove Park.

MIAMI SHORES
Constitutional Bicentennial Commission for Miami Shores. Sponsored development and dedication of a public park as a Living Legacy, planting trees, affixing dedication plaque, future irrigation system, and a lighted flag.

ORLANDO
Orlando/Orange County Bicentennial Commission. Sponsored a one-acre mini-park dedicated to the Constitution; ceremony brought speakers, "Ben Franklin," and school children together; DAR Chapter planted a flower garden and the Liberty Tree was named.

PONCE INLET
Garden Club of Ponce Inlet. Landscaped the Ponce Inlet Community Center and installed an underground sprinkler system.

SARASOTA
Sarasota Garden Club. The Constitution Garden is a raised garden visible by motorists passing through the city of Sarasota. The visual picture will be an American flag with the Liberty Bell on top. Red, white, and Old Glory petunias will be used for the flag; Joseph's coat, Dusty Miller and Yellow petunias will make up the bell. Permanent plantings have also been placed along the site. The garden is located along the bayfront of Sarasota's Highway #41 in the same general area as the city's war memorial.

SOUTH PALM BEACH
Palm Beach Civic Association. This project included the dedication of 24 Beautification Gardens named after signers of the Constitution as South Palm Beach's Bicentennial "Living Legacy to the Constitution," as well as a "pocket-sized" Constitution Garden and dedication of the "Bicentennial Great Trees of Peace." The Bicycle path was renamed as "Bill of Rights Way."

STEINHATCHEE
Steinhatchee Garden Club, District III. "Rally 'round the Flag Pole to Plant a

Living Legacy" — A brick terrace and planters were created. The community was invited to join students and faculty by bringing a brick or donating 50 cents to buy a brick. An assembly was held on the grounds of the Steinhatchee School on September 17, 1987, and an official dedication of the site to commemorate the Constitution was held on May 16, 1988.

STUART

Florida Master Gardeners of Martin County. A 10-12' Live Oak tree, which is native to Florida and which has a life span of several hundred years, will be planted on the grounds of the Martin County Agriculture Office and Fair Grounds.

TAMARAC

City of Tamarac. Trees were planted and signs mounted to beautify the entrance and welcome people to the city. Located at this site is a capsule with contents from various clubs, schools, residents and City officials which is not to be opened for 100 years. On September 17, 1987, the city dedicated the Entranceway to the commemoration of the U.S. Constitution.

TEQUESTA

Travelers Palm Garden Club of Jupiter/Tesquesta, Florida. Planted red, white and blue flowers in the shape of the United States Flag. Under Sali Wiener's supervision the town's workmen brought topsoil and cement blocks were set up 3' high around a square 13'X 26'. Planted red ixora (Maui), variegated ligustrum and blue salvia. Mulched around plants and put sod around the builtup sides for 6' out into the surrounding field. Watered by sprinkler system of the Park.

BICENTENNIAL BOOKSHELF

In commemoration of the Bicentennial to the U.S. Constitution the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded matching grants of $500.00 to libraries across the United states. The Endowment's grant, plus the $500 the library raises to match it, will provide $1,000 to help establish a Bicentennial Bookshelf of reference works and other books about the U.S. Constitution.

Libraries in Florida which have already received this grant are:

Bay County Public Library
Brannon Library-Volusia County Libraries
Broward County Main Library
Cooper Memorial Library
Darrel Kreighbaum Memorial Library
Destin Library, Inc.
Eustis Memorial Library
Hallandale Library
Hardee County Public Library
Jackson County Public Library
Jacksonville Public Libraries
Lake Wales Public Library
Lake Worth Public Library
Leon County Public Library
Manatee County Public Library
Miami-Dade Public Library System
Mt. Dora Public Library
Niceville Public Library
North Miami Beach Library
North Miami Public Library
Oakland Park Library
Palm Bay Public Library
Volusia County Library Center

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

FLORIDA BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITIES

Florida Bicentennial Chairman, Justice Ben Overton, confers with Vice Chair Glenda Hood, Orlando City Council member, at the Miami Commission meeting held during the 1987 convention of the Florida League of Cities.

Designated Bicentennial Communities are those which have formed a diverse and broad based committee to plan educational and commemorative activies in the community throughout the Bicentennial period. The committee must originally be appointed by the Chief Local Elected Official of either a city or a county, and there can be more than one designation within a county.

Vice Chair Glenda Hood chaired the effort of the Florida Bicentennial Commission to form as many such communities as possible. As President of the Florida League of Cities (1986-87) she sent letters to all the municipalities in Florida inviting them to join the Bicentennial celebration. Florida became one of the states with the greatest amount of participation at the local level.

Bicentennial Communities can be designated until the end of the Bicentennial by requesting an application: Bicentennial Commission of Florida, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399.

Alachua County
Atlantic Beach
Avon Park
Bay County
Belleair Beach
Brooksville/Hernando County
Broward County
Cape Canaveral
Cape Coral
Cedar Key
Citrus County
Clay County
Cocoa
Cocoa Beach
Coral Springs
Cottondale
Dania
Davie
Deerfield Beach
Deltona
Dunedin
Eustis
Fort Lauderdale
Fort Myers
Fort Pierce
Gadsden County
Gulf County
Hallandale
Hardee County
Hillsborough County
Holly Hill
Hollywood
Homestead
Hypoluxo
Jackson County
Jacksonville
Jacksonville Beach
Juno Beach
Key West
Keystone Heights
Lake County
Lake Wales
Lake Worth
Lakeland
Lauderhill
Longboat Key
Longwood
Manatee County
Melbourne
Miami
Miami Shores
Mulberry
Naples
Niceville
North Bay Village
North Miami

North Palm Beach
North Port
Oakland Park
Ocala
Ocoee
Orlando/Orange County
Ovido
Palm Bay
Palm Beach County
Pasco County
Pembroke Park
Pembroke Pines
Pensacola
Pinellas County
Pinellas Park
Port St. Lucie
Putnam County
Redington Shores
Rockledge
Safety Harbor
Sanford
Sarasota/ Sarasota County
Satellite Beach
St. Augustine
Starke/Bradford County
Swanee County
Sweetwater
Tallahassee/Leon County
Tampa/Hillsborough County
Tequesta
Venice
Wakulla County
Waldo
Walton County
Wauchula
West Melbourne
Winter Haven

BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

ATLANTIC BEACH
•May, 1987
Flag raising, invocation, patriotic sing-a-long, red, white, and blue balloons, information booths, time capsule, arts and crafts show, distributed pocket Constitutions, voter registration.
•June, 1987
Flag raising ceremony.
•September, 1987
Constitution Week Ceremonies: Bells Across America, Freedom to Worship Day, Plant a Living Legacy, Dedication of Constitution Arbor, Government in the Classroom Day, Welcome to America Day, recreated Florida's Ratification of the Constitution, parade, distributed flags and pocket Constitutions to school children, singing of "God Bless the U.S.A."

BELLEAIR BEACH
•September, 1987
Patriotic sing-a-long, Pledge of Allegiance, display of historic memorabilia, distributed pocket constitutions, essay contest, play entitled "The Building of the Flag."

BRANFORD
•September, 1987
Bicentennial Logo and explanation run in local paper; various school related activities during week of September 17th; celebration information sent to county officials and news media.

•July, 1988
Published article announcing Branford as a Bicentennial Community; Bicentennial presence at the 4th of July Celebration.

BREVARD COUNTY
•February, 1988
Astronaut High School held a Let Freedom Ring Celebration which included slide shows, a play, mock talk show, displays.

BROOKSVILLE/HERNANDO COUNTY
•September, 1987
Resolution commemorating the Bicentennial of the Constitution and establishing the Committee; flag-raising ceremony and 200 seconds of bell-ringing in connection with national ceremony.
•October, 1987
"Celebration of the Written Word" day in the park in conjunction with dedication of newly renovated Main Library, Hernando County Library System; band concerts; art displays; historic displays; one-act plays; mock signing of the Constitution.
•March, 1988
Constitution Bicentennial booth at County Fair; gave out copies of the Constitution and displayed historic memorabilia; sponsored Essay Contest on meaning of the Constitution with winning essays displayed in fair booth.

BROWARD COUNTY
•Throughout the year
Arranged and coordinated a Constitutional Speakers Bureau.
•August, 1987
Bicentennial 5k run, Constitution 10k run.
•September, 1987
Band concert and dramatic reading of the Constitution by Broward County Elites. League of Cities: Luncheon, Bicentennial walk-a-thon, Religious Freedom Day, Constitutional law day, Women's Rights Day, Constitutional Enactment Day, Chamber Breakfast, Freedom of the Press Day, "Our Constitution" reenactment of the signing of the Constitution, international food/music.
•October, 1987
Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution. League of Cities: Pioneer Days.
•November, 1987
League of Cities: Annual Holiday Festival.
•December, 1987
League of Cities: Constitutional Holiday Parade.
•1987-1988 school year
Football half-time show with the Bicentennial theme, ROTC presentation of the colors, Bicentennial theme in 1988 student yearbook, in depth teaching of the Constitution in all government classes, Bicentennial decorations throughout the school, Bicentennial issue of the school newspaper, Pioneer Days.
•March, 1988
Poster and essay contests, musical awards, and veterans award.
•July, 1988
League of Cities: Bicentennial Workshop; Bicentennial and ndependence Day

Celebration at Veterans Park, fireworks, displays, concerts, "Americanism" poster contest, parade, carnival, games, jazz festival.

CAPE CANAVERAL
•September, 1987
Beautification project and street renaming, tree planting project, poster contest, film festival, recreation day, flag raising celebration, resolution proclaiming Cape Canaveral as a Bicentennial Community.

CAPE CORAL
•September, 1987
School children participated in "A Celebration of Citizenship", dedication of park by Disabled American Veterans; poster contests.
•September, 1988
Veterans Memorial Park: dedication of new flag pole, dedication of Plant a Living Legacy palm trees with plaques.

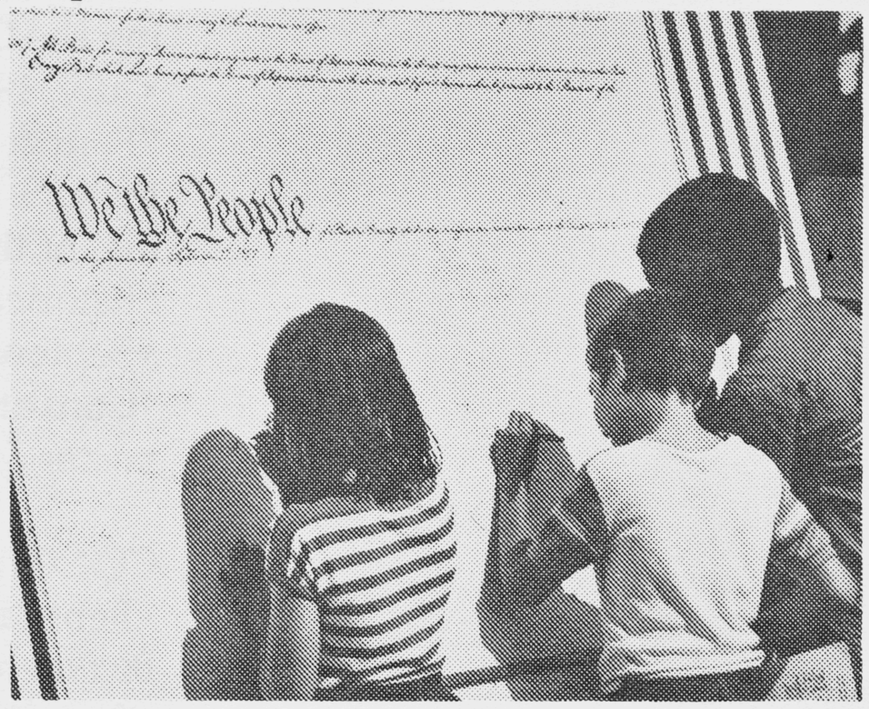
CEDAR KEY
Three day program of seminars and panel discussions, school children designed a Bicentennial Quilt and donated it to the museum for public display; other students constructed a display of the making of the flag for the museum.

CITRUS COUNTY
•September, 1987
Citrus County School System held a ceremony reaffirming the Constitution.

CLAY COUNTY
•March, 1988
Forty-two costumed Clay county school children reenacted the signing of the Constitution.

CLEARWATER
•September, 1987
Creation of a giant replica of the Constitution which was signed by thousands of citizens, many other Signing Day ceremonies.

COCOA
•September, 1987
Constitution Sunday at First United Methodist Church included opening prayer, presentation of Constitution and flag, reading of Preamble, comments by a local attorney, sermon, patriotic songs, crafts and much more. The city sponsored a poster contest, flag raising ceremony, re-affirmation of the Constitution, Sunrise flag raising, time capsule, walking tours of Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science, swearing in of new citizens, motorcade, reading of the Constitution, poster show, square dancers, cloggers, band concert, public square dance, and " This is My Constitution" screening. Special honorary days were proclaimed: Religious Freedom Day, Constitution Day, Women's Rights day, Civil Rights Day, Constitution Enactment Day, and Freedom of Speech Day. Committee also purchased flags and banners for display on city buildings.



Clearwater students "signed on" to a giant Constitution, which was a favorite project for many communities.

These Clearwater citizens portrayed historic figures during Constitution Day 1987 festivities.

•November, 1987
"Martin Anderson Senior Center Site of Constitution Celebration"; Brevard County Fair "Bicentennial Activity."
•December, 1987
"A Constitution Bicentennial Christmas Parade."
•June, 1988
"Flag Day Observance" commemorating the Birth of the American flags, dedicating the Constitution Flag: "We the People."
•July, 1988
"Fourth of July Umbrella Celebration" through Brevard County, Ratification of the U.S. Constitution; "Cocoa, Florida: Then and Now" Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Ratification of the United States Constitution, July 4th, 1988. A Historical Book depicting the History of Cocoa, Then & Now.
•September, 1988
"Constitution Week Awards Ceremony" and "A Celebration of Citizenship" poster contest winner.

COCOA BEACH
•February, 1987
Bicentennial Ball.
•September, 1987
The city's Bicentennial Planning Committee sponsored a poster contest and an essay contest. They also purchased flags and banners for display at city buildings.
•March, 1988
Dedicated Constitution Bicentennial Park, a new park on the Banana River in Cocoa Beach.
•September, 1988
Constitutional Bicentennial Park officially opened with a ceremony. Mayor Bob Lawton read a proclamation, all present recited the Citizens oath, and carrier pigeons were released. The committee has raised $4,500.00 for landscaping improvements to the park.

COCONUT CREEK
•September, 1987
Bicentennial Extravaganza.

COTTONDALE
•September, 1987
Parade and other Bicentennial related activities.

DAVIE
•March, 1987
Bicentennial presence at Orange Festival, signing of a replica of the Constitution, distribution of stickers that said "I signed the Constitution."
•July, 1987
Town hall displayed Bicentennial flag, banner was provided to local Boy Scout troops to carry in parade.
•September, 1987
Plant a living Legacy Trees were planted in front of City Hall and a plaque was

placed at the site, Bicentennial skit was performed at Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting.
•October, 1987
Liberty/Freedom Softball Tournament.
November 1987 - February, 1988
Poster and essay contests for all levels; high school trip to Tallahassee and savings bonds were presented as awards at the Town Council Meeting.

DEERFIELD BEACH
•September, 1987
All day program with park dedication, bell ringing, beach concert, block party.

DELTONA
•September, 1987
An all day program was presented which included Bell Ringing; a patriotic parade; speeches; square dancing; a huge red, white and blue birthday cake; and a block party in honor of those who have come to live in America from other countries. The local newspaper, The Four Towns Enterprise, interviewed and published the stories of several of the attendees. The Commission also sponsored a very successful Constitutional Ball with about 250 people in attendance. The Garden Club of Deltona planted a Living Legacy Tree in front of the Women's Clubhouse. The Deltona Schools and the Woman's Clubs released red, white and blue balloons on September 17 and then again on the 19th. About forty organizations participated in the celebration!!!

FORT LAUDERDALE
•March, 1987
Distributed *USA Today: USA Freedom* issue to high school juniors and the school board.
•April, 1987
"The Constitution in the Next Hundred Years" essay contest, Mock trial for high school students on "Search and Seizure."
•May, 1987
Hosted "Roads to Liberty" Magna Carta to Constitution Tour.
•July-December, 1987
U.S. Constitution Speakers Bureau.
•September, 1987
"We the People" original musical at Parker Playhouse.
•November, 1987
Reception and speech by Senator Orrin Hatch on the subject of the Constitution, as well as a question and answer session.
•February, 1988
Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution.

FORT PIERCE
•September, 1987
Balloon release, planting of Constitutional oak tree, bookmark design contest.

GADSDEN COUNTY
•September, 1987
A patriotic program at Bert Field in Havana.

GAINESVILLE
•September, 1987
Costume ball.

HARDEE COUNTY
•March, 1988
Breakfast honoring the Constitution, Senator Lawton Chiles spoke to several thousand at Pioneer Park, Key Club sent 30 boys to Washington to view the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution, presentation of Constitution to school children, street renaming, school children dress in pioneer garb to celebrate the ratification of the Constitution.

HALLANDALE
•October, 1987
Attended by 13,000, this two day Bicentennial extravaganza included George Washington handing out flags, balloons, a musical show, and lots of good American fun and food.
•July, 1988
Hotdog sale on Courthouse lawn.
•September, 1988
Balloon release and bell ringing in conjunction with national ceremony.

HOLLY HILL
Throughout the year Commission Chairman accepted numerous speaking engagements.
•September, 1987
Flag raising, radio show, Bicentennial parade, essay contest, Bells Across America/200 seconds of bell ringing, signing of replica of U.S. Constitution, Fall Festival.
•October, 1987
Costume Ball

HOLLYWOOD
•April, 1987
"We the People" concert by U.S. Army Band and Chorus.
•July, 1987
Fourth of July Bicentennial Celebration with reenactment of signing by children
•August, 1987
10k Constitutional Run.
•September, 1987
International food and music festival, Constitutional jazz festival.

JACKSONVILLE
•May, 1987
Hosted "Roads to Liberty" Magna Carta to Constitution Tour
•September, 1987
League of Women Voters meeting "Women under the Constitution", Jefferson Meeting, Plant a Living Legacy, Major Harding gives "200 years of Freedom" speech, Constitutional luncheon, Constitutional program in high schools;

Jacksonville University presents seminar entitled "The Constitution, A Living Document", "We the People Day", Flag Raising Ceremony, tours of Destroyer, Theater Play "Founding Fathers," Town Meeting 200 years ago and Town meeting now, Mock Trial, Parade with mayor, Constitution reading, Riverwalk, Patriotic boat salute, costume contest, free entertainment, fireworks.

•October, 1987
Bicentennial celebration dinner.
•November, 1987
Theaterworks presents the musical play "We the People."
•February, 1988
Celebrate American History month; DAR essay contest.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH
•September, 1987
Let Freedom Ring: program with patriotic sing-a-long, Miss USO was present to perform. Commission members dressed in period costumes.
•October, 1987
Childrens' Art Exhibit at the Community Center with Constitutional theme.
•February 5th through 6th, 1988
Voter registration drive
• March, 1988
Flag area surrounding downtown fountains was proclaimed as "Constitution Mall" by Resolution of the Jacksonville Beach City Council.
•April, 1988
Copies of the Constitution distributed at Arts & Crafts Festival.
•May, 1988
Participated with Atlantic Beach in their Celebration of the Constitution Arts & Crafts Festival by participating in program and handing out pocket Constitutions.
•July, 1988
Copies of the Constitution distributed at 4th of July Festivities.
•August, 1988
Political Forum; participation in the grand opening of SeaWalk; attendance in the Jefferson Meeting presented by the Bicentennial Commission of Jacksonville.
•September, 1988
Bells Across America; posters and information regarding constitution Week were presented to local schools; children from 6th grade center recited Preamble at the regular City Council Meeting; presented a framed poster for constitution Week to the City; mayor signed a proclamation for Constitution Week; parade sponsored by Atlantic Beach, voter registration deputy drive, voter registration drive at the high school; voter registration drive at K-Mart and Pic 'N Save stores. Continuing throughout the year We the People Bulletin Board remains in the lobby of the city hall and citizens continue to contribute photos for the collage. The Commission continues to attend many community functions and each wears his Bicentennial shirt when participating in a Bicentennial capacity.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
•September, 1987
Bicentennial display at "Festival of Lakes."

KEY WEST
•February, 1987
"Three constitutional Founders — Dramatic Commentary" sponsored by Key West & Monroe County Citizen's Observance Committee and the Ecodemocracy Foundation, Inc.
•September, 1987
Monroe County Jail Oversight Committee hosted a "Celebration of the Bicentennail of the U.S. constitution" with keynote speaker Florida Supreme Court Justice Ben Overton.
•November, 1987 - November, 1988
Established discussion programs for improving constitutional government in Key West and Monroe county.

LAKE ALFRED
•September, 1987
"A Celebration of Citizenship Day."

LAKE WALES
•September, 1987
Bell-ringing and carillon recital at Bok Towers; 200 red, white, and blue balloons released; parade through the downtown business district with high school bands, veterans, Girl Scouts, and others; speech by the Mayor of Lake Wales; planted commemorative oak tree by Lake Wales Garden Club; library displays; patriotic religious services; distributed hundreds of Constitutions to organizations and the library.
•March, 1988
Newspaper story on Ratification on Florida Statehood Day.
•July, 1988
Distribution of flag pins to children at Bok Tower Gardens.
•September, 1988
Constitution program at Warner Southern College; bell-ringing at Bok Towers; religious services.

LAKE WORTH
•May, 1987
Preservation Week: Lolley the Trolley Tour Dedicated to the Constitution, tea at the Gulfstream Hotel (Historical Site); Memorial Day Wreath honoring the Constitution.
•June, 1987
Fourth of July Activities honoring the Constitution, placed flags along Lake and Lucerne Avenues until September 17th.
•September, 1987
Mayor and Lake Worth Commission and the Bicentennnial Commission attend church together at Sacred Heart. Breakfast at the Breakers Hotel; Bicentennial luncheon sponsored by Lake Worth Community High School; Bicentennial Tea sponsored by Senior Citizens Center; costumes, featured senior essay contest; "We the People Avenue," judging of merchants Bicentennial window displays; Bells Across America; dedication of Constitution Walk; Bicentennial Buffet; Grand Finale, which included music, speeches and foreworks; Gracilaso de Vega, Daughters of American Revolution National Constitution Week Luncheon. The Bicentennial Commission visited six local high schools and presented programs,

many in full costume.
•November, 1987
"Constitution Walk" Picnic (Project Clean-Up); Veteran's Eve Vigil.
•March, 1988
"Constitution Walk," dedication of landscaping, City Birthday and 143rd Birthday, followed by a wine and cheese reception.
•May, 1988
Memorial Day Wreath placed.
•June, 1988
Attended Church honoring the 75th anniversary of Lake Worth and the Constitution.
•August, 1988
V.F.W. Post was awarded 1st place in National Contest for poppy display featuring the U.S. Constitution.
•September, 1988
Transfer Dedication - Constitution Walk as a complete park is turned over to the City.
•November, 1988
Veterans' Eve Vigil.
•December, 1988
Handed out 10,000 pieces of literature during the Christmas parade.

LAKELAND
Throughout the year twenty-three speeches were given at a variety of locations by members of the Bicentennial Commission.
•May, 1987
Display on the Constitution at Lakeland Public Library.
•August, 1987
Essay contest for junior high and high school students.
•September, 1987
Senator Lawton Chiles leads group in reading the Preamble, films and display at Lakeland Public Library, "Bicentennial Moments" presented by Paragon and Centel, Bicentennial Bell Ringing.
•January, 1988
Distribution of pocket Constitutions to the three public high schools.
•May, 1988
Poster contest for elementary school students in cooperation with "Arts on the Park," and distribution of pocket Constitutions to junior high schools.

LAND O' LAKES
•September, 1987
Ben Franklin Tour of schools handing out pocket Constitutions, members of the League of Women Voters distributed Pocket constitutions at Gulf View Square Mall, Elementary school children made birthday cards to honor the Constitution which were displayed at the mall, reading program "Celebrate America", a week long Bicentennial celebration in the schools which included flag raising ceremonies, parades, birthday cakes, dress up days, assemblies, instructional theme Constitution, reception in honor of the Constitution was held at the District School Board Office, the Pasco County Association of Supervisors and Administrators hosted a presentation on the history of our government.

•February, 1988
The theme of the Pasco county "Heart of Florida" Fair was "We the People," included stage presentations and educational exhibits.
•Ongoing coordination of speakers bureau.

LAUDERHILL
•January, 1987
Bicentennial Kickoff Breakfast.
•February, 1987
Black History Month observance: Presentation of Constitutional historical events that relate to Black citizens.
•March, 1987
Opening of Bicentennial poster exhibits.
•April, 1987
Bicentennial concert featuring Castle Garden's "C'Gees" Choir under the direction of Holly Berger.
•May, 1987
Bicentennial Celebration Golf Tournament; presentation of winners of Bicentennial art poster and essay contest.
•June, 1987
Dedication of Constitutional Plaza and Garden.
•July, 1987
Bicentennial and Independence Day Celebration, two hour patriotic concert, and food booths.
•August, 1987
Bicentennial 5k run.
•September, 1987
Bicentennial ball, Constitution signing, community sing, public reading of Constitution.

LONGWOOD
•September, 1987
Mayor proclaims September 17 as Constitution Day. Historic festival in the park, community sing, public reading of Constitution

MANATEE COUNTY
•September, 1987
Constitution ball, schoolwide celebration, parade, plant a Living Legacy, signing of the Constitution, Bells Across America/200 seconds of Bell Ringing.
•October, 1988
Historic Church is revisited: Constitution Bicentennial as well as centennial of church dedication.
•May, 1988
Law Day, Constitution seminar, The League of Women Voters hosts a Series of Seminars on the Constitution, Reenactment of the Constitutional convention.

MARIANNA
•September, 1987
Dedication of Gazebo/Bicentennial Celebration, articles on signers in local paper, speeches on the importance of the Constitution, street renaming, costume

contest, essay contest.
•March, 1988
Flag raising ceremony, patriotic songs.

MELBOURNE
•September, 1988
The mayor signed a proclamation recognizing September 17, 18, and 19th as Constitution week. Hundreds of Melbourne citizens signed a copy of the Constitution, received an American Flag, and celebrated Citizenship Day and Constitution Week in the Melbourne Auditorium. The Melbourne Commission, in conjunction with a Home Show, established an "Honor America" Booth for the three day event.
•March, 1988
Bicentennial poster contest with the theme "We the People...of Florida." Savings bonds were presented to the twelve winners.

MIAMI
•July, 1987
Free to public every Thursday: A children's educational puppet show on the U.S. Constitution by the "Constitution Gang" and a series of films relating to issues of the Constitution such as: Inherit the Wind," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "All the President's Men," and "Twelve Angry Men." Sponsored by the Let Freedom Ring Committee, the Friends & Founders of Gusman Center, Dade Council of Arts & Science, Dade County Parks and Recreation, The City of Miami, and Keys Realty Company.
•September, 1987
The month of September was dedicated to educating school children about the Constitution, commemorative parade, Young Lawyers Reception in Honor of the Constitution, Let Freedom Ring/200 seconds of Bell Ringing, "What's it All About" free theater production at the Gusman Theater to teach children about the Constitution. Patriotic music to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the U.S. by a thousand voice Choir and orchestra composed of Greater Miami churches and synagogues; Eleventh Judicial Circuit sponsored parade down Flagler Street, Airforce flyover, dedication festivities on the steps of the Court House, 200 seconds of bell ringing, banners on public buildings.
•November, 1987 through March, 1988
Dade County School Department continued to educate the children of the county by supporting programs in the school of Alphabet Theater's production of "What's It All About," an educational yet entertaining puppet show on the issues of the United States
•November, 1987
Jefferson Meetings on the Constitution
•July, 1988
Creative Freedom: 3 years of Photographs by Dianne Levenshon, followed by exhibition of Mary Street Dance Theater.
•September, 1988
The Dade County Bar Association and St. Thomas University School of Law conducted a well-attended symposium on the U.S. Constitution. Panel members included Congressman Philip M. Crane (R-Illinois), William Lucas, former Wayne County Chief Executive, and Jesse McCrary, former Florida Secretary of State. Over 200 people attended.

NAPLES

•Fall 1987

Local Bicentennial Committee sponsored an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for approximately 25 local high school students to learn about the Constitution first hand. Funds were raised with a Constitution Ball with 18th Century menu and costumed servers. School Children signed a mock Constitution and sent it to the President; Countywide band concert.

•February, 1988

Naples High School hosted a meeting discussing the Constitutionality of the War Powers Act.

NICEVILLE

•March, 1987

Bicentennial concert draws 400 to Niceville High School,
Bicentennial marathon.

•June, 1987

Bicentennial workshop at Gulf Coast Community College.

•July, 1987

K-Mart Bicentennial Day: poster display, bake sale, bumper stickers, lapel pins, flags, diaper derby, Bicentennial booth, poster display, firework display, Kids on Wheels.

•September, 1987

Country style auction, flea market, craft show/sale, boat parade, costume ball, band concerts, oratory contests, skits, fireworks.

NORTH MIAMI

•September, 1987

Naturalization ceremony, sale of Signature Tiles as part of construction of Constitution Plaza, Ground Breaking Celebration for Constitution Plaza, wine and cheese reception, jazz concert, food fair, craft booths, sale of We the People bumper stickers.

NORTH PALM BEACH

•September, 1987

Refreshments for 500, Bicentennial Golf Tournament, tennis tournament, pool events, 5-k run, and games galore. Essay contest "What the U.S. Constitution means to me", decorated the city in red, white and blue, fireworks, band concerts, jazz concert, bluegrass gospel concert; 60's and 70's music, rock and roll concert.

NORTH PORT

•September, 1987

Proclamation proclaiming September 17 as Citizenship Day, and September 17 - 23 as Citizenship week.

OAKLAND PARK

•March, 1987

Established Bicentennial Bookshelf.

•April, 1987

Over 600 people signed the Constitution and received copies of the book "About the Constitution."
•Fall, 1987
Distributed calendars and book "About the Constitution" to every class in two elementary schools. Books were also distributed to a local high school.
•September, 1987
Bicentennial program.
•November, 1987
Commission purchased 250 flags which are displayed on street light poles on holidays.
•March, 1988
1988 Youth Day theme was the Bicentennial, included parade, all day activities, and fireworks.
•May, 1988
Memorial Day Services sponsored by American Legion and Elks Clubs. The Broward Garden Club planted a Bicentennial Garden.

OCALA
•September, 1987
Proclamation recognizing September 17th as United States Constitution Day. Mural on the Square Day, An Artistic contest and Display: flag raising; entertainment by the Ocala Square, Original Log Cabin Dixie Land Jazz Band, Gold Rush Cloggers, Ocala Dance Company, and The Barbershop Quartet; presentation of National Essay contest winners; Flag Salute Ceremony.

OCOEE
•September, 1987
Commemorative program

ORANGE PARK
•September, 1987
Signing of the Constitution at Clay County's Old Historic Courthouse. Most were dressed in period costumes.

ORLANDO
•Throughout the year
Entered Bicentennial float in three local parades: Citrus Bowl, Christmas parade, and Martin Luther King's Birthday. Numerous essay and speech contests on the Constitution were coordinated throughout the schools.
•February, 1987
Program and reception for Commission members and members of the business, government, and civic community. Guest Speaker was Hon. Justice Ben F. Overton. Program also included patriotic songs and dance by Conway Jr. High School Choir.
•May, 1987
Hosted "Roads to Liberty" Magna Carta to Constitution Tour
•September, 1987
Celebration of Freedom: Sunrise flag raising and preamble recitation, Speech by Chief Justice Parker Lee McDonald, concerts, displays, and patriotic program, Walt Disney Voices of Liberty and Fife and Drum corps, U.S. Navy Training Cen-

ter Band and Color Guard. Constitution Heritage Hike through Orlando sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

•April, 1988
Dedication of one-acre mini-park in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Prominent speakers, school children, and Mr. Ben Franklin participated in the celebration. The local D.A.R. chapter planted a flower garden and the Liberty Tree (Large Oak) was named.

PALM BAY
•September, 1987
Fundraising Golf Tournament for Bicentennial programs; Bicentennial Ball (350 attended).
•February/March, 1988
Elementary school essay contest.
•May, 1988
Commission coordinated First Memorial Day Parade, followed by memorial service at City Hall. Also coordinated Flag Day.

PALM BEACH COUNTY
•September, 1987
The Palm Beach County Bar Association and Palm Beach Post prepared a conference to teach teachers about the Constitution. "Birthday Bash," Symphony Orchestra Concert by Boca Raton Pops, fireworks display, radio shows, participation in National Bicentennial Elementary Essay Contest, Martin Feldman hosts a grand breakfast at the Breakers, local attorneys portrayed James Madison and Alexander Hamilton in a mock Constitutional Convention.

PASCO COUNTY
•September, 1987
Ben Franklin visits School children to teach about the Constitution.

PEMBROKE PARK
•June, 1987
Flag Day.
•September, 1987
Bicentennial Art contest and show; Bicentennial Birthday party; Proclamation sponsored by the Pembroke Park Bicentennial Commission recognizing September 17 -18, 1988 as National POW/MIA Days; Proclamation recognizing September 17 - 23 as Constitution Week. All day program entitled "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Reunion": included entertainment, get acquainted and information day, candle-light vigil, and presentation of "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall" as part of the Healing Wall Project.

PEMBROKE PINES
•September, 1987-January, 1988
"We the People" Eagle Forum slide program was presented to a total of 1995 people in six cities.

PENSACOLA
•September, 1987
Constitution Day Seminar at Pensacola Jr. College, "Relevance of Federalism

Today," naturalization ceremony, Saenger Theater with U.S. Navy Band from New Orleans, followed by a parade to Seville Square and a concert by the Pensacola Civic Band.

PINELLAS COUNTY
•April, 1987
Benjamin Franklin came to Pinellas County in "Franklin Alive".
•September, 1987
Speech by Robert Mann, Law Professor at the Clearwater Library, Commemoration Day at the Court House, "Focus on the Bicentennial" (Grades 4-6).
•October, 1987
Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution.
•December, 1987
Mock Congressional Hearings (Grades 9-12).

PINELLAS PARK
•March, 1987
Constitution Day.

PORT ST.JOE
•May, 1987
Seafood Festival.
•July, 1987
Fireworks.
•September, 1987
Schools: poster, poetry, essay contest.
•December, 1988 [planned]
Proclamation run from Tallahassee to Port St.Joe, fun run, Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of Sesquicentennial of Florida Constitutional Convention celebration, food, drinks, crafts, live entertainment, big parade, dignitaries, historical exhibits in Elementary School Gym, fireworks at the City Marina. Museum will be open free of charge, Dance in Centennial Building.

PORT ST.LUCIE
•September, 1987
Public signing of the Constitution, Bicentennial display at Public Library; Celebration of Citizenship at Schools, Constitution Day program at Port St. Lucie City Hall, Bells Across America/200 seconds of bell ringing, DAR flag progression, Freedom Sunday, Plant a Living Legacy. Mary Jo Bates kept the residents of Port St. Lucie informed on Bicentennial matters in her articles regularly published in The Port St. Lucie Mirror. In her column, Ms. Bates wrote on many Bicentennial topics and kept a Bicentennial calendar of important events.

PUTNAM COUNTY
•September, 1987
Major address by Justice Raymond Ehrlich of the Florida Supreme Court on the Courthouse lawn; employees at the Courthouse wore red, white and blue; flags were displayed; food festivals; parade; the Brownies distributed flag pins and miniature flags; coverage by local television stations; local newspaper asked school children "What does the celebrating the Constitution mean to you," Jennifer Hughes (Middle School Correspondent) wrote column on the Constitution.

REDINGTON SHORES
•March, 1987
Poster contest depicting signing of the Constitution in schools.
•September, 1987
"We the People" 10k marathon, food and refreshment booths, arts and crafts displays, dedication of town park as "Constitution Park." (name was picked by the residents.) Bicentennial Fishathon at Redington Long Pier for all ages.
•September, 1988
Time Capsule Sealing Ceremony, which will include day long picnic. Approximately twenty-three cities and towns in Pinellas County participated.

The Stars and Stripes were proudly flown throughout the state on Constitution Day, as shown here in St. Augustine.

ROCKLEDGE
•September, 1987
Flag Raising Celebration, Religious observance of the Constitution, time capsule, walking tour of Cocoa Village, Naturalization Ceremony, Bicentennial motorcade, reading of the Constitution, 200 seconds of bell ringing, silent meditation, refreshments, concerts by: Pete Crosby Band, square dancers, Cloggers, Sweet Adelines, fireworks.

ST. AUGUSTINE
•September, 1987
Music festival and Bell Ringing at Constitution Plaza, Costume ball, Religious Freedom Sunday at St. Johns.

SANFORD
•September, 1987
The Seminole County Commission adopted a proclamation in support of the Constitutional Bicentennial, Religious Freedom Day, sun rise flag ceremony, 200 seconds of bell ringing, luncheon sponsored by the greater chamber of commerce, "September in the Park" presentation by the Melbourne Community Band.
•March, 1988
Sanford Ballet presented its original Ballet on the Steps of the County Court House.
•May, 1988
Sanford Ballet Guild presented an original Ballet at the State Capitol inTallahasee.

SARASOTA
•October, 1987
Celebration honoring American Constitution, an exhibit on the Bicentennial by the Ringling School of Art, League of Women Voters Lunch "Making a Nation from a Handful of States", simulation of the Constitutional Convention, reception celebration the Constitution with music and costumes, Public forum on the Constitution, lecture by Supreme Court Justice Rosemary Barkett, "Americana" a show by Gloria Musicae, A Salute to the Constitution with the U.S. Navy Band, and the Commodores, signing of a huge birthday card for the Constitution, National Council of Jewish Women presented "Women and the Constitution."

SATELLITE BEACH

•Throughout the year

Held monthly meetings. Promoted essay and poster contests in the schools, promoted book mark design competition, and submitted photos and articles to the local newspaper for publication.

•June/July, 1987

21 day salute to the Flag, commission donated 21 flags to the city, flags fly in a semi circle in front of the Civic Center with an American and a Bicentennial flag in the center. American and Bicentennial Flags are raised and lowered each day.

•July, 1987

Forth of July Celebration, Ms. Bicentennial Beauty Contest, entertainment, games, pie bake-off, contests and prizes, food, and decorations.

•September, 1987

Community picnic, field day, and dance at civic center.

•November, 1987

Mans booth at the Annual Founders Day Celebration, and distributes literature, as well as selling Bicentennial paraphenalia such as pins, auto plates and balloons.

•September, 1988

Constitution Week: free Band concert, student participation with song, and dance as well as other patriotic programs, and Bicentennial information booth.

SOUTH PALM BEACH

•December, 1987

Decorations in the history and relevancy of the Constitution, music dedications of the town's garden, bicycle path and a gathering of palm trees and as informal wine and cheese party in the Town Hall's apparatus room, also included the dedication of 23 roadside gardens to the Constitutional signers, the town also dedicated the "Great Trees of Peace," three palms in front of town hall.

TALLAHASSEE

•May, 1987

Hosted "Roads to Liberty" Magna Carta to Constitution Tour.

•September, 1987

Bicentennial kick off Breakfast, Capitol Celebration, Bands, remarks by the Governor, remarks by naturalized citizens, recognition of naturalized citizens, presentations, reading of a bicentennial essay by a high school student, public reading of the Constitution by Governor Bob Martinez, Senate President John Vogt, Chief Justice Parker Lee McDonald, Speaker of the House Jon Mills, and other State and Local Leaders. Also appearing were the FSU Band, FAMU Concert Choir, and the FSU army ROTC with a 21 gun salute.

•November, 1987

Ben Franklin visited Tallahassee for 13 performances in "Franklin Alive", Fundraising dinner with Ben Franklin.

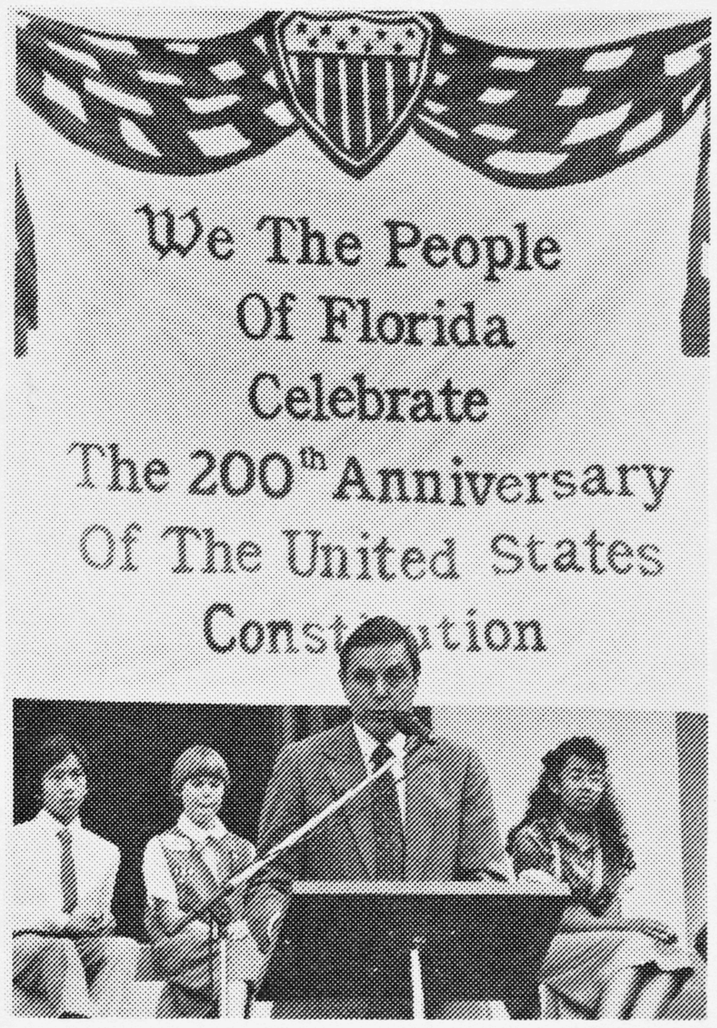
•February, 1988

Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution.

•April, 1988

Essay and Poster contest

Governor Bob Martinez joined other state leaders, local officials, judges, naturalized citiens, and students in a public reading of the Constitution in Tallahassee on Constitution Day 1987.



TAMPA

•Fall 1987

Essay contest for high school seniors. Winners received scholarship money,

recognition, and a trip for an entire class to Adventure Island, a local water amusement park.

•September, 1987
Naturalization Celebration, display in lobby of City Hall for four days entitled "The Blessings of Liberty," presentation of arms, description of the purpose of the event, pledge of allegiance, star spangled banner, reading of county proclamation, bands, 8th graders reading the Preamble, naturalize Tampa's newest citizens, patriotic singers, MacDill flyover, retirement of colors.

•November, 1987
Award ceremony for the Pepsi/Hillsborough County Young Lawyers constitutional convention Competition in the Hillsborough Senior High Schools.

•April, 1988
School Constitution Competition

•July, 1988
Flag Raising Ceremony at Harbor Isle.

•Fall 1988
High School Essay contest for grade 9. Winners received scholarship money, recognition, and a trip to a local amusement park. The commission also coordinated the affixing of a special commemorative cancellation stamp on all mail going through the airport post office. Commission also encourages private businesses to purchase stamps that have a special message in recognition of the Constitution.

•July, 1988
Presentation of the flag and flag raising ceremony

TAVARES

•August, 1988
Exhibit in museum.

VENICE

•September, 1987
Town Hall meeting, Venice Area Middle School, with Congressman Connie Mack; Proclamation of Bicentennial week by Mayor Harry Case; flag ceremony sponsored by Venice High School R.O.T.C.; week long Bicentennial program at the Venice Area Public Library; Bicentennial program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; voter registration drive; Bicentennial tree donated by the Englewood- Venice Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Bicentennial assembly on the Venice Town Hall lawn: Venice High School Band concert, poster and essay award recipients, patriotic singing, Dr. James Quarles, Professor of Constitutional Law at University of Florida guest speaker.

•March, 1988
Ratification of Constitution Celebration.

WACHULA

•March, 1988
Senator Chiles spoke to 3000 people who were attending Pioneer days at Zolfo Springs Pioneer Park. Curtis Ezelle, Key Club chairman took 30 Key Club boys on educational trip for nine days to Washington D.C. Viewed the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights at the National Archives. The city renamed a local in Wauchula, Constitution Street honoring the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

WAKULLA COUNTY
•October, 1987
Constitution Brain Brawl.
Throughout 1988 Involvement of schools in the National Bicentennial Competition.

WALDO
•April, 1987
Arts and Crafts Fair in honor of the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Celebration. Included flag Raising, handing out of printed material, including pocket sized Constitutions, ninety vendors, and attendance of approximately, 4,000.
•September, 1987
Bell ringing, speeches, balloons, Candle light ceremony, patriotic songs and march, birthday reception and the first ever fireworks display in the history of Waldo!

WEST PALM BEACH
•January, 1987
Day long work shop for middle and high school students and social studies teachers on the subjects of "America without the Constitution," "School Prayer, Gun Control, and the Right to Assemble," and "Constitutional Freedoms: Our Continued Responsibility," moderated by Supreme Court Justice Rosemary Barkett.
•Throughout the year
Published a newspaper tabloid celebrating the Constitution, dedicated a Constitution Walk with U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese as keynote speaker, and coordinated many other school programs.

WINTER HAVEN
•September, 1987
Movies at Polk Community College shown in Mall depicting the struggle over the Constitution; Proclamation and signing of the Constitution by Mayor and City Commissioners dressed in period attire; presentation of Flag by Congressman Ireland; concert and fireworks at Lake Silver Ampitheatre; parade through the city with 67 floats ending at the New City Park; signing of Constitution with free pen stating "I signed the Constitution at Winter Haven, Florida"; special post office in park with commemorative stamps; speeches.
•Throughout 1988
Speeches - college involvement.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 1987 CALENDARS

Soon after she was installed in January, 1987, Commissioner of Education Betty Castor authorized the Department of Education to purchase and send 2500 Bicentennial calendars to all of the schools in the state. With the calendars she sent a message urging all schools to join in the Bicentennial celebration throughout the year ahead.

BICENTENNIAL "IDEAS" BOOKLETS FOR SCHOOLS

In September 1987 the Florida Department of Education published three separate booklets full of Bicentennial and constitutional classroom activity suggestions and resources titled "Ideas for Celebrating the Bicentennial in Elementary Schools," "... in Middle and High Schools," and "...in Fine Arts."

The booklets were distributed to each school principal at the appropriate grade level and to each county district office. Districts were encouraged to reproduce the booklets locally for further distribution to individual teachers and to place in the local resource library.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Commissioner of Education Betty Castor visited district schools and exemplary programs or activities honoring the Constitution of the United States.

At the same time she initiated her "Award for Excellence," recognizing local programs that take Florida schools another step closer to achieving excellence.

Anticipating Constitution Week, the tour began on September 14 with visits to Jacksonville where she joined in a classroom program on the Constitution; Tallahassee where she heard the first public performance of music written especially for the Bicentennial by a Florida graduate student; and Pensacola where she recognized a partnership program emphasizing history and democracy.

On September 15 she went to Orlando to recognize the contributions of Walt Disney World and to Tampa for a performance of patriotic music as guest conductor!

On September 16 Castor taught a journalism class in Ft. Myers.

Commissioner of Education Betty Castor brought special guest "James Madison" (Wakulla County Judge Mike Carter) to a Tallahassee Bicentennial meeting to dramatize constitutional themes.

NATIONAL ESSAY CONTESTS

ELEMENTARY CONTEST

Ten Florida students were chosen as national winners in the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Essay Contest for grades 1-8. The ten— seven from public schools and three from private schools—were picked by the U.S. Department of Education from 42 entries in the national contest. The winners received engraved certificates from U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett and were invited to attend a White House reception with President Reagan.

The essays titled "What the Constitution means to Me and to Our Country" were judged on five criteria: understanding of the topic, clarity of expression, unity of ideas, originality, and style and mechanics. Based on student population, Florida has the largest number of winning essays at the national level.

Florida DOE published a booklet on the entire competition which includes copies of the winning essays. To receive a copy write: Bicentennial Commission of Florida, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399.

THE FLORIDA WINNERS:

Elliot MacLeod-Michael, Grade 1
Palm Beach Gardens Elementary, Palm Beach County
Teacher J. Hirshfield.

Jessica Johnson, Grade 2
Gadsden Christian Academy, Gadsden County
Teacher Mary Jo Esry.

Bryan Brosclair, Grade 2
Sacred Heart School, Lake Worth, Palm Beach County
Teacher Joan Hogan.

Hilda Canes, Grade 4
Brentwood Elementary, Sarasota, Sarasota County
Teacher Elaine Oliver.

Ernesto O'Toero, Grade 4
St. Rose of Lima School, Miami Shores, Dade County
Teacher Celeste Jennings.

Teri Thompson, Grade 4
East Marion Elementary, Silver Springs, Marion County
Teacher Michele Butcher.

Jamie Gibson, Grade 5
Audubon Park Elementary, Orlando, Orange County
Teacher Linda Puryer.

Whitney Voeltz, Grade 5
Ferry Pass elementary, Pensacola, Escambia County
Teacher JoAnn Crawley.

A.J. Butler, Grade 6
Lake Weir Middle School, Ocala, Marion County
Teacher Verna Williams.

Ashley Dawn Carlisle, Grade 8
Landon Junior High, Jacksonville, Duval County
Teacher Sherri Gonzalez.

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

In 1987 there was also a National Bicentennial Writing Competition for high school students addressing the topic, "The Constitution: How Does the Separation of Powers Help Make it Work?" Sponsored by the national Commission on the Bicentennial of The United States Constitution, the American Bar Association, and USA Today, the contest offered a grand prize of $10,000, as well as $1000 and a trip to Washington for each of the state winners, and $500 and $250 to the second and third place winners. The Florida winners are:

First place, Aleea McDoom
Miami Southridge High School, Dade County

Second place, Elizabeth Parsad
Eastside High School, Alachua County

Third place, Tracey Lehman
Martin County High School, Martin County

The three winers were presented to the August meeting of the State Board of Education (Governor and Cabinet) to receive their congratulations.

BICENTENNIAL COMPETITION

Florida students from North Miami High School placed 4th in the National Bicentennial Competition held April 24-28, 1988, in Washington, D.C. Florida was one of 43 states sending teams to the National Competition and was the only southern state to place in the top ten finalists of the national competition. California took top honors; New Jersey and New York were second and third.

North Miami High School students celebrate their Florida victory in the National Bicentennial Competition.

The Florida team consisted of twenty-seven students in Dr. Richard Kuhn's sixth period government class. The North Miami students met with Florida Senator Bob Graham, former Florida Governor, on the steps of the Washington Capitol after the competition.

North Miami High School won the right to represent Florida by winning the state competition held on March 4, 1988, in Orlando. Runners up were Miami Coral Park High School and Sandalwood High School (Duval County).

The Florida Team might not have been able to make the trip for lack of funds. However, The Florida Bar made a grant of $18,000 to pay the remaining travel costs. According to Judge Mike Carter, Wakulla County Judge and president of the Florida Law Related Education Association which coordinated the program in Florida, "Frankly, if The Bar had not come through, the trip wasn't going to happen." The National Bicentennial Competition, cosponsored by the Commission on the Bicentennial of The United States Constitution, was the culmination of one of the most important developments in American education in recent decades: an introduction into 50 states of an entirely new curriculum on the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The Competition was funded by Congress and had broad bipartisan support. Eighty Senators and 380 House members participated in the program in their respective states. Many served on advisory committees, met with high school classes, and provided assistance to the Competitions' state and district coordinators.

Close to 500,000 high school students across the nation participated in the landmark project this year and the curriculum is designed to reach over 2 million pupils at the elementary, middle and secondary levels next year.

In Florida the program is coordinated by Florida Law Related Education Association, Florida Supreme Court Building, Tallahassee FL 32399-1906.

CAMPUS PROGRAM

Designation as a Bicentennial Campus means that the campus has a diverse committee of scholars, students, and administrators and a plan for Bicentennial participation on that campus. Campuses can continue to be designated throughout the Bicentennial by writing: Bicentennial Commission of Florida, Department of Education, Knott Building, Tallahassee FL 32399.

Grants are available from the national Commission for holding Campus-Community Forums on subjects that emphasize the themes of the Bicentennial. Florida has 20 Bicentennial Campuses at the present time.

Barry University
Miami Shores

Brevard Community College
Cocoa

Central Florida Community College
Ocala

Flagler College
St. Augustine

Florida A&M University
Tallahassee

Florida Community College at Jacksonville
Jacksonville

Florida Southern College
Lakeland

Florida State University
Tallahassee

Jacksonville University
Jacksonville

Lake-Sumter Community College
Leesburg

Miami Dade Community College, North Campus
Miami

Miami Dade Community College, South Campus
Miami

Santa Fe Community College
Gainesville

South Florida Community College
Avon Park

St. Petersburg Junior College
St. Petersburg

Tallahassee Community College
Tallahassee

University of Florida [PENDING]
Gainesville

University of South Florida
Tampa

University of West Florida
Pensacola

Valencia Community College
Orlando

BICENTENNIAL CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A workshop on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution was held on June 26, 1987.

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY

A conference entitled "Blacks and the Constitution of the United States" was held in Tallahassee on October 20-21, 1988.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

On December 10-11, 1987, the University sponsored "the Voices of the Constitution," a part of the statewide Humanities Challenge Conference series.

On February 5-6, 1988, FSU sponsored a Jefferson meeting at the Florida State Conference Center.

In February, 1989, FSU will be one of the first campuses to sponsor a Campus-Community Forum with a $14,000 grant from the national Commission. The topic will be "The Constitution in Times of Crisis: Congress, the President and the Power to Make War."

In the summer of 1989, FSU will conduct an intensive teacher training institute. FSU received a grant of $62,000 from the national Commission for this project.

NORTH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The national honor fraternity of American two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, Miami-Dade Chapter, published a booklet entitled "The Constitution at 200: Viewpoints of Renowned Americans."

The Campus also held three Jefferson meetings on April 25, May 16, and June 13, 1987, on the subjects of Money and Politics, Freedom of Speech, and Judge and Jury.

NEW COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Warren Burger spoke at the New College/University of South Florida in Sarasota on February 25, 1988, as a part of the Oxford Lecture Series sponsored by the New College Foundation. Warren Burger is Chairman of the National Bicentennial Commission and Chief Justice, ret., United States Supreme Court. While in Sarasota, Burger also met with youth and community groups.

PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE

On February 3, 1988, Professor Dan O'Connell experimented with the role play method of teaching by merging with the character of James Madison for his Political Science class. The innovative professor also included a re-enactment of the 1788 meeting of the Virginia Legislature which was crucial to the ratification of the United States Constitution.

SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Formed a three-county, fifteen member advisory committee and established a faculty advisory committee.

Prepared a citizen's review course entitled "We the People" to be offered to the general public.

Prepared a list of biographical and audio-visual material relating to the study of the Constitution.

Organized an essay contest among high school seniors. The prize was a full scholarship to SFCC.

Scheduled college-credit courses on the Constitution.

Planned a Constitution Day Celebration.

Held a series of seminars on campus related to the Constitution.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Published a brochure entitled "To Form a More Perfect Union: A brief history of the men and the making of the United States Constitution."

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

During October-December, 1987, the School of Law presented a faculty lecture series entitled "Bicentennial Reflections on The Constitution of the United States." The series included nine professors and covered some thirteen topics ranging from "The Iran Contra Affair" to "First Amendment Limits on Mental Health Treatment."

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Behavioral & Social Sciences will administer and award an annual Constitutional Studies Scholarship for Florida Social Studies teachers which was established by the Bicentennial Commission of Florida.

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS 1989-1991

The future of the Florida Bicentennial Commission will be organized around four distinctive aspects of the Bicentennial celebration which have been established by the national Commission:

1. Establishment of the national government with major anniversary dates in March, April, and September, 1989;

2. Adoption and ratification of the Bill of Rights which spans 28 months beginning September 25, 1989, and continuing until December 15, 1991;

3. Development of Constitution Day/Week as an annual commemoration of citizenship with an emphasis on K-12 education; and

4. Continuation of the National Bicentennial Competition in with new emphasis on the Historic Mapping Project.

The success of the Bicentennial in Florida in each of these areas depends to a large extent on the active participation of the local Bicentennial commissions. This network of community leaders could provide tremendous support for school programs and other Bicentennial education IF properly coordinated. The state Commission and staff have given high priority to this effort in the past.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (1989)

COMMENT: Reenactment of George Washington's journey to New York City and Inauguration as the first President on April 30, 1989, is the top priority of the National Commission with media coverage planned in the historic locations.

COMMENT: Educational grants for K-12 classroom projects and campus community forums with a preference for themes involving the establishment of the national government will continue in 1989; information is distributed directly to potential applicants.

COMMENT: Bicentennial of Congress on March 4, 1989, is being planned by a committee of Congress chaired by Representative Lindy Boggs who also serves on the national Bicentennial Commission. Congress is planning to hold a special session in New York City which was the site of the first Congress 200 years ago. If this occurs, there will be national media coverage.

COMMENT: Bicentennial of the U.S. Supreme Court begins September 24, 1989. It appears that the commemoration will be planned and announced through the judiciary rather than the national Commission.

COMMENT: Independent organizations will continue in 1989 to hold Constitution Week events or special Bicentennial ceremonies, such as the DAR annual essay contest in September, reaffirmation ceremonies by the military, and naturalization ceremonies by the federal courts.

BILL OF RIGHTS (1989-1991)

COMMENT: The Educational Grant program for K-12 classrooms and campus community forums will continue with Bill of Rights thematic emphasis during 1989-1991. With funding available and public interest in the Bill of Rights, this could become an active program.

COMMENT: Numerous national organizations already exist with a permanent interest in the Bill of Rights and in educating the public about these and subsequent amendments. The American Bar Association has a variety of programs, including video resources, to increase public understanding; the Constitutional Rights Foundation, First Amendment Congress, Center for Civic Education, Council for the Advancement of Citizenship, and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, are just a few examples of other organizations.

They all have existing projects and strategies for arousing interest in and public understanding of our rights under the Constitution.

ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY/WEEK (SEPTEMBER 17-23)

COMMENT: In 1988 the National Commission sponsored posters, brochures, and a booklet around the theme "Celebrate an American Legacy-Constitution Week" which included a variety of ideas and encouraged nationwide bell-ringing on Constitution Day. These materials were widely distributed by the Commission to local schools and communities; they could be used to plan now for 1989 and beyond.

COMMENT: Bicentennial School Recognition is a new program that will operate exactly like the Bicentennial Community/ Campus programs requiring a simple application, a diverse committee, and a plan. Designation as a Bicentennial School means that the school has permission to use the national logo with all its Bicentennial activities.

The national Commission is prepared to administer the program entirely but will allow a state commission to participate if it wishes.

COMMENT: Bicentennial Communities can continue to be designated throughout the Bicentennial so that a local committee can play a coordinating role for Constitution Day. New incentives or greater media attention would be necessary to keep this program going.

NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COMPETITION (1989-1991)

COMMENT: The highly successful and excellent National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution and Bill of Rights will continue at the high school level

for three more years. Classroom materials will continue to be provided by prior Congressional appropriation, but paying to send the winning state classroom to the national competition depends entirely on funding within the state.

The Florida Bar sponsored the travel of the winning class in 1988, and will continue its support in 1989. The Competition has a Florida Advisory Board which includes the Florida Bicentennial Commission and The Florida Bar for future coordination.

COMMENT: A Historical Mapping Contest for ALL grades has been added to the program for 1988-89. New elements may be added each year. National Commission Chairman Warren Burger places the highest importance on this program and authorized substantial funding from the national Commission for it. In Florida the Competition is capably administered by the Florida Law Related Education Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Transfer administrative support for the Bicentennial Commission to the Florida Department of Education (DOE) in the discretion of Commissioner of Education Betty Castor. This would include:
communicating with the Commission;
planning meetings;
publishing the statewide newsletter CREATE;
responding to school and community inquires;
recognition programs for Bicentennial schools, campuses, and communities;
coordinating special projects as needed;
and other activities that may arise.

2. Close the corporate office. Maintain the existing administrative bank account and funds for possible future needs. As a last resort for the completion of the Constitutional Studies Scholarship Fund, the Commission may authorize a contribution from this account. Maintain all government registrations to receive tax deductible contributions if such should be needed again in the future.

3. Allow 1989 to be a "breathing spell" in the Bicentennial to see if a national plan emerges for state/local/school participation in the Bill of Rights Bicentennial. During 1989-91 the Commission should make periodic recommendations to the DOE concerning Bicentennial educational priorities. Special emphasis should be given: (1) to Constitution Day/Week in September as an annual celebration of citizenship; and (2) to developing a program on the Bill of Rights Bicentennial for 1989-1991.

4. Conclude all activities of the Commission and its nonprofit corporation by December, 1991.

APPENDIX

State of Florida

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 86-153

WHEREAS, 1987 marks the two-hundredth year of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the Constitution is an occasion for celebrating the establishment of our country as the United States of America under the social and political experiment of a Free Republic, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the United States has called upon the states to join the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that state government create a framework within which such a celebration may occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB GRAHAM, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following executive order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

There is hereby created the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Florida.

Section 2.

The purpose of the Commission is to prepare an overall program for commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in 1987, and to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the United States Constitution. The Commission shall also determine whether there are sites within the state which are appropriate for preservation or development, in commemoration of the United States Constitution, in such manner as to ensure that fitting observances and exhibits may be held at the sites during the Bicentennial celebration.

Section 3.

The Commission, including the chairperson and vice-chairperson, shall be determined and appointed by the Governor. Members shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Section 4.

Members of the Commission shall not receive remuneration for their services, and shall serve on a basis that is totally voluntary. Appropriate staff support shall be provided by the Executive Office of the Governor, with such additional assistance as is necessary from the Secretary of State's Office.

Section 5.

All state agencies are directed, and other agencies are requested, to render assistance and cooperation to the Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 28 day of August, 1986.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Florida

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 87-18

WHEREAS, 1987 marks the two-hundredth year since the creation of the United States Constitution and the beginning of its Bicentennial Commemoration, and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the Constitution is an occasion for celebrating the establishment of our country as the United States of America under the social and political experiment of a Free Republic, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the United States has called upon the states to join the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, this occasion provides an unprecedented opportunity for civic education of and by Floridians of all ages, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that state government create a framework within which such a celebration may occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB MARTINEZ, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following executive order, effective immediately:

Section 1

The Unites States Constitution Bicentennial Commission, created by Executive Order No. 86-153, shall continue to exist for a maximum of four years.

Section 2

The purpose of the Commission is to prepare an overall program for commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in Florida, and to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the United States Constitution during 1987-91. The Commission shall also determine whether there are sites within the state which are appropriate for preservation or development, in commemoration of the United States Constitution, in such manner as to ensure that fitting observances and exhibits may be held at the sites during the Bicentennial celebration.

Section 3

The Commission, including the chairperson and vice-chairperson, shall be determined and appointed by the Governor. Members shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Section 4

Members of the Commission shall not receive remuneration for their services and shall serve on a basis that is totally voluntary. Private contributions shall be encouraged to support the work of the Commission. To the extent possible, appropriate staff support is requested to be provided by the Department of Education and the Department of State.

Section 5

All state agencies are directed, and other agencies are requested, to render assistance and cooperation to the Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the STate of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 5th day of February, 1987.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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